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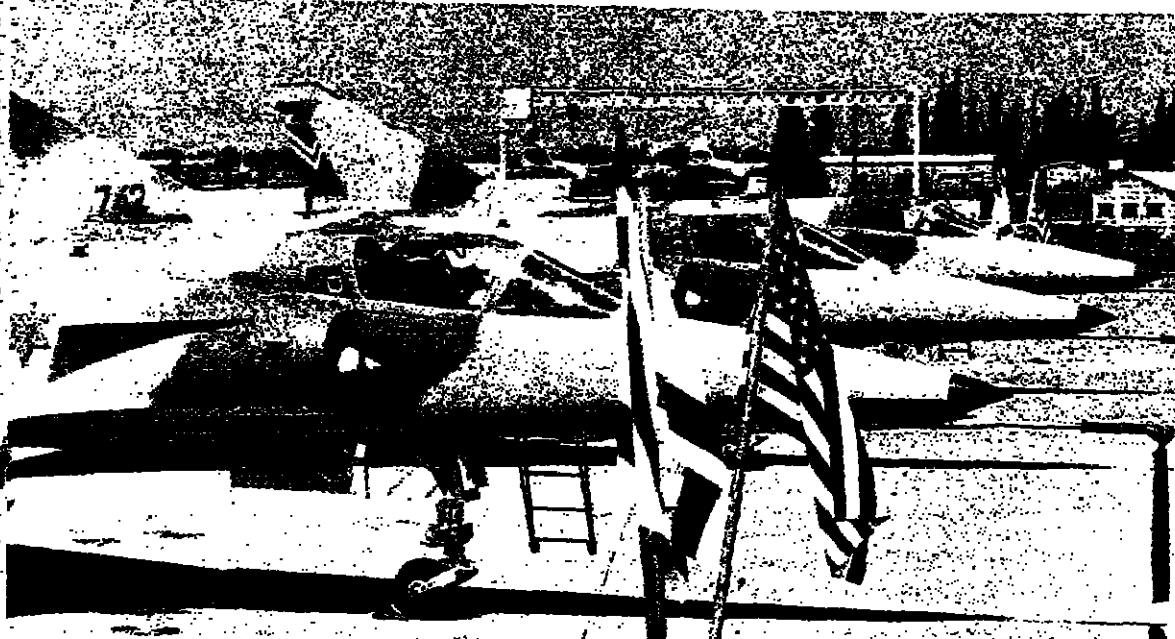
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The three Kfirs handed over to the U.S. Navy yesterday.

(Hanoach Gutthman)

U.S. Navy gets its first three Kfirs

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent
The Israeli Air Force yesterday morning handed over three Kfir C-1 fighters to the U.S. Navy at a short ceremony at Israel Aircraft Industries.

The planes, the first of 12 Kfirs that will eventually go into service with the U.S. Navy, will be used to simulate Soviet MiG fighters in air-to-air combat roles.

Negotiations took almost three years, the selection of the Kfirs being heavily opposed by the American aircraft manufacturers lobby, which has considerable influence in Washington. The Kfir also had to compete against the Northrop F-20 Tigershark and the actual MiG 21s themselves, which the Navy was considering buying from either China or Egypt.

The Kfir was chosen "because it is a high performance delta-wing aircraft that was available and best suited our requirements," according to Captain Ernie Lewis, who accepted the aircraft.

Lewis added that the fighters would be used as "adversary training aircraft," and that since the aircraft had not been purchased from Israel, but rather loaned, he could see no reason why there should be any problems with the U.S. aircraft industry.

Under the terms of the agreement, the 12 aircraft will be loaned to the U.S. Navy in return for equivalent value services and equipment to be defined by the Israeli Defence Ministry and the Pentagon. Israel Aircraft Industries has been awarded a three-year \$70 million maintenance contract for the planes, which will almost certainly be extended when it runs out.

Pilot training will be handled by the Israeli Air Force, with the first group of American pilots arriving in Israel soon. They will be here for two to three weeks, according to Lewis, and will then return to the U.S. for additional training.

Israel Aircraft Industries will totally refurbish all 12 aircraft, and outfit the planes for their trans-

formation from ground-attack fighters to MiG-like training aircraft. It will take about six months before the first aircraft are ready to be shipped to the U.S. The first three will be operational according to Shalom Arjav, IAI chief executive, early in 1985. From then on, he said, three more Kfirs will be supplied each month.

The IAI will keep 15 workers in the U.S. for the three-year period to maintain the aircraft, he said, adding that it will hire American personnel to bolster the maintenance staff at the Oceana naval base in Virginia where the planes will be stationed.

Both the IAI and IAF were extremely pleased with the deal: for the IAI, the agreement provides considerable work and revenue, while it will give the Air Force the opportunity to replace the C-1s with more modern Kfir fighters, now in the third generation.

The U.S. Navy will be the third air force to fly the Kfir, which is also, according to foreign sources, in service in Ecuador.

\$1b. budget cut still confronts cabinet

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The cabinet will today continue discussing the proposed \$1 billion cut in the national budget. The obstacles to the Treasury's economic plan seemed insurmountable yesterday, with key ministers still holding out against cuts in their budgets.

Treasury officials told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that they were deeply concerned at the attitude of some ministers, who "do not seem to realize that there is no alternative to an austerity programme."

At the same time, some officials feel that the Treasury itself has completely lost control, with prices escalating and nobody able to curb inflation.

Despite this, the Knesset Finance committee yesterday approved increases in postal rates and in the price of electricity. Electricity will go up by 31 per cent (20 per cent retroactive to September 3) and postal charges will be increased by 60 per cent.

Treasury sources said that today's cabinet meeting will be a sort of "seminar" on the economy, with Professors Eitan Berglass and Michael Bruno explaining the necessity of cutting the budget.

Treasury officials indicated yesterday that, under the circumstances, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i may not wait for cabinet approval for some of the steps he intends to take. He may go ahead and cut subsidies on basic commodities at once.

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon said last night that no one would help Israel solve its economic problems, if the government itself did not first take serious steps. He was talking to the Israel-American Chamber of Commerce.

Ten per cent surcharge mooted Progress seen in talks on prices-wages deal

By AVI TEMKIN
and ROY ISACOWITZ

A proposal to impose a 10 per cent surcharge on income, in the framework of a prices-wages package deal between the government, the Histadrut and employers, was raised in yesterday's meeting between Histadrut Secretary-General Israel Kessar and top economic ministers, including Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

It was learned yesterday, however, that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i opposes the proposal, since it would raise taxes without reducing costs to manufacturers and thereby enabling them to keep prices down.

But Moda'i has retracted his threat not to adjust income tax brackets for September upward by 13.2 per cent, in line with the month's cost of living payment.

In addition to Kessar and Peres, Moda'i, Deputy Premier David Levy, and Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi participated in the talks.

Participants in the talks said last night that progress had been achieved yesterday, although an agreement was not yet in sight. From the Histadrut's point of view the two most positive developments were Moda'i's acknowledgement that the tax brackets would in fact be revised this month, and the agreement by both sides that the C-o-L increment agreement will not be changed.

The participants said that Moda'i had stated that he never had any intention of not revising the tax brackets, and reports to that effect had been mistaken.

According to the proposal raised yesterday, a 10 per cent income surcharge would be imposed during the first month of a three-month price freeze. In the second and third months of the freeze a compulsory loan equal to 10 per cent of income would be imposed. Sources close to Levy said he had proposed the surcharge and compulsory loans.

The parties are to meet again today. The sources predicted that an agreement could be reached soon, although "it will not be the agreement we wanted. It will be limited to prices, wages and taxes."

Levy said an agreement could be clinched this week.

From the opening of yesterday's meeting it was clear that Moda'i would have to retract his threat not to adjust tax brackets. The Treasury announced this move on Tuesday without the knowledge of either Peres or Ya'acobi, who yesterday forced Moda'i to retract it.

Kessar said after the meeting that the Histadrut's position that workers should not be the only ones to make a sacrifice was accepted. All citizens, and not only wage-earners, should share the burden, he said.

Kessar added that the government team had told him that Tuesday's announcement about the non-adjustment of tax brackets was based on "an error."

Explaining this "error" Moda'i said the Treasury was not sure on Tuesday whether the 13.2 per cent C-o-L increment would be paid.

During the meeting Moda'i demanded that the Histadrut agree to reduce the cost of living increment by 10 percentage points, but Kessar refused, saying he would not agree to a burden placed only on wage-earners.

(Were Moda'i's proposal to be implemented in September's pay checks, workers would get 3.2 per cent instead of 13.2 per cent as a C-o-L allowance.)

At this point the income surcharge was proposed as a compromise. Moda'i objected to this step but at the end of the deliberations he said he would check its implications in the evening and bring the results of his examination to the next meeting.

Treasury sources later hinted that the finance minister still opposed the surcharge, since he wants measures that will help reduce inflationary pressures. Moda'i wants to cut manufacturers' wage costs, so that they can keep prices to consumers down.

According to the surcharge compromise proposal, manufacturers would absorb some rising costs without increasing prices. In return, other taxes on the manufacturers would be reduced. But Moda'i apparently does not think the proposal is realistic unless accompanied by a cut in wage costs.

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Kessar rules out cut in C-o-L increment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut Secretary-General Israel Kessar last night reiterated that the trade unions cannot agree to a reduction of the cost of living increment as part of a package deal.

"There are other ways to get wage-earners to lower their living standards," he said on the *Moked* television programme.

Despite his firm position, Kessar - like the two other guests on the programme, Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Manufacturers Association President Eli Hurvitz - was optimistic about a three-way agreement between the government, the Histadrut and the employers being reached before the end of next week.

Hurvitz admitted that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's accusation, made on Tuesday, that some manufacturers had raised their prices excessively in recent weeks, was true. "But," he said, "such acts could be promptly corrected by wise consumers. Unfortunately, in an atmosphere of soaring inflation, consumers do not take the time or effort to shop around and compare prices before making a purchase."

Ya'acobi described the package deal as "a national effort to get the economy growing again," and predicted that price control would have to last, "for a few months at least."

As for new taxes, he said a property

tax is being studied, but it would not be put into effect until a package deal is set. Subsidies, however, will have to be reduced, perhaps even before the deal is signed.

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Urquhart to sound out government reaction to unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

UN Under-Secretary-General Brian Urquhart is expected to sound out Israel government leaders on their view regarding a possible unilateral withdrawal from South Lebanon that would leave Unifil in control of a fairly deep buffer zone.

The idea is for Israel to announce in advance a withdrawal deadline which would then propel Beirut and Damascus into action to make ad hoc security arrangements for the areas to be vacated by Israeli forces. Urquhart is understood to hold that both Lebanon and Syria would be receptive to such a unilateral withdrawal move by Israel.

Urquhart returned yesterday evening to Jerusalem from Damascus after three days of talks with Lebanese and Syrian government leaders and met with Prime Minister Shimon Peres soon after his arrival. The unilateral withdrawal idea was not raised at that meeting which dealt only with broader questions of Israel's readiness to withdraw and the possibility of an expanded role for Unifil.

But the ranking UN official will in all likelihood raise the unilateral withdrawal concept when he meets this morning with Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and during a subsequent luncheon

meeting with President Chaim Herzog and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the president's private residence in Herzliya Pituah.

Urquhart is believed to hold that such a unilateral move by Israel would also make it easier for the Beirut authorities to find some ways to accommodate a role in the southern buffer zone for the Israel-controlled South Lebanese Army under the command of Col. Antoine Lahad.

A formal statement by Israel that it is planning an early withdrawal from Lebanon, possibly with a specific deadline, could also go a long way towards taking the wind out of the sails of a number of anti-Israel draft resolutions on that subject which are now before the UN General Assembly, it is held. Such a statement could

then become one of the major messages of Foreign Minister Shamir when he addresses the UN Assembly.

Urquhart told reporters after meeting the prime minister that Peres had stressed the government's wish to get out of Lebanon as quickly as possible.

"It's not an easy problem and will take a lot of sorting out," said Urquhart.

Urquhart, on a Middle East tour to discuss renewal of the Unifil mandate in Lebanon, had talks earlier yesterday in Damascus with Syrian Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam.

The Unifil mandate is due to expire on October 19 but Urquhart said he did not anticipate difficulties in renewing it.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres receives a rose at the inauguration of the new village of Kfar Veradim (Rose Garden Village) in Western Galilee. On the premier's left is industrialist and former MK Stef Wertheimer, founder of the new community. (Nati Hamik)

Meets with settlers

Rabin won't expel hostile Arabs

Jerusalem Post Staff

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday refused a demand by representatives of Kiryat Arba that Arabs engaged in hostile acts against Jewish settlers be expelled.

Meeting with the settlers at his office, Rabin admitted that while he had in the past favoured expulsion in certain circumstances, he no longer advocated this.

Norwegian minister concludes Israel visit

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday told visiting Norwegian Defence Minister Enders Sjaastad he hopes the UN will maintain its presence in Lebanon, but change its employment there to help secure the Israel-Lebanon border. Sjaastad yesterday concluded his visit here.

Tehiya MK Geula Cohen and various Gush Emunim leaders reiterated their long-standing demand for expulsion following Monday night's gun attack on a Kiryat Arba-bound bus. The driver and four passengers were injured in the attack, none seriously.

According to Israel TV, Rabin also dismissed out of hand the settlers' contention that increased Jewish settlement in the heart of Hebron would improve security in the town.

He came out firmly against Jewish settlement in Hebron and was quoted as saying that had it been up to him, this would not have taken place at all.

The only satisfaction the settlers derived was an assurance from Rabin that all would be done to

apprehend those responsible for Monday's attack.

The meeting was attended by Aluf Amnon Shahak, OC Central Command, who told the settlers that the number of hostile acts against them are down for the first eight months of the year.

The coordinator of affairs in the administered areas, Shmuel Goren, had said earlier this week that the situation in the area was relatively quiet.

Meanwhile, an Egged bus was stoned and its windshield shattered by youths at the Jalazoun refugee camp on the Ramallah-Nablus road. An Israeli car had its windshield smashed by stones near the village of Dahariye. There were no injuries in the two incidents.

Herzog says Dutch may intervene for Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

President Chaim Herzog, on his return to Israel yesterday after a visit to Holland, indicated that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko may visit Holland soon, and if he does, Dutch officials will raise the issue of Soviet Jewry.

Herzog said he had found the attitude of Dutch officials towards Soviet Jewry and its problems quite positive.

In Amsterdam on Tuesday, Herzog warned that a campaign of "disinformation" about Israel in western nations is threatening their own security.

Herzog told a standing room audience at Amsterdam's historic Portuguese Synagogue that western governments and the western media are "obsessed" with the Arab-Israeli conflict "virtually to the exclusion of all major issues, which threatens western security in the Middle East."

"A process of disinformation is afoot in the free world," he warned, that not only distorts Israel's image, but also presents Mideast developments in a way that leads to "false political evaluations on issues of the most vital importance to the security of the free world."

In his speech, he also appealed for increased emigration of young Jews to Israel.

The president was in Holland to commemorate the 40th anniversary of "operation Market Garden," the Allied offensive which liberated parts of the southern Netherlands from German occupation during World War II.

Yesterday Herzog lunched with Queen Beatrix.

Three reservists, four others killed in four road accidents

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Itim

Seven people were killed in four separate road accidents Tuesday night and yesterday. Three of those killed were reserve soldiers on their way from their base in the Negev to Tel Aviv on furlough.

The three reservists were killed, and two other reservists injured, in a six-vehicle pile-up yesterday morning on the Plugot road, 10 kilometres north of Kiryat Gat. The accident reportedly was triggered when a water tanker stopped suddenly with a line of vehicles behind it.

The fifth vehicle in the line, a car carrying five reservists, apparently struck a fuel tanker in front of it, and was then struck from behind by an Egged bus, pushing it under the fuel tanker and crushing the car.

Bus passengers and policemen, who had also been in the line of vehicles, rushed to help the injured. Five Magen David Adom ambulances from Kiryat Gat arrived, followed by police traffic examiners and military police.

The injured were taken to Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon. The car's driver was operated on and last night was reported out of danger. The passenger who had been sitting behind him was transferred to Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, where after surgery he was reported in stable condition.

The drivers of the two tankers and the bus were held for questioning. On Tuesday night a couple, Said Hassan, 35, and his wife Handi, 30, were killed when their car crashed into a concrete post in the Druse village of Daliat al-Carmel near Haifa.

Five other people who were in the car, three of them children, suffered moderate to light injuries. Police said the accident happened when Hassan lost control of the car as he rolled it down a hill to try to start it. The couple leave seven daughters and two sons.

A woman was killed yesterday near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, when a car reportedly went out of control, overturned and left the road.

The woman was identified as Bella Lin, 38, of

Kiryat Ata. Her husband Reuven, 41, who was driving and their daughters, Dina, 7, and Malka, 4, escaped with minor injuries.

A Haifa woman died in the afternoon on the coastal road near kibbutz Hahotrim when her car veered off the road and crashed into the back of a stationary army truck.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene and her body was removed from the wreckage by firemen.

Police emphasized that the army vehicle had stopped for a legitimate reason and had pulled off the road onto the hard shoulder.

The police yesterday received 35 new patrol cars, intended as the nucleus of a national traffic patrol. The vehicles were turned over to the police by Transportation Minister Haim Corfu at a ceremony at National Police Headquarters in Jerusalem.

At full strength the traffic patrol is to have 50 patrol cars and 18 motorcycles, to be used by 132 policemen.

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CHICAGO	6	13	22	Clear
COPENHAGEN	11	15	17	Clear
FRANKFURT	9	14	17	Cloudy
GENEVA	11	15	17	Cloudy
LONDON	11	15	17	Cloudy
MOSCOW	2	11	15	Clear
PARIS	11	15	17	Cloudy
ROME	14	17	21	Clear
ST. PETERSBURG	11	15	17	Cloudy
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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	46	16-27	28
Golan	32	14-28	30
Nahariya	31	15-27	28
Safed	31	15-27	28
Haifa Port	63	24-28	28
Tiberias	34	19-34	35
Nazareth	40	17-29	30
Afula	44	18-32	32
Shomron	42	18-29	30
Tel Aviv	64	20-28	29
B-G Airport	57	18-29	30
Jericho	40	20-36	36
Gaza	70	20-28	28
Beersheva	42	18-32	32
Eilat	20	22-35	36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Zaki Shapiro, of the Beilinson hospital, will speak on transplants at the Rotary Club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel at 1.15 p.m. today.

Ya'acov Dror, 'father' of unwanted children

BE'ER YA'ACOV (Itim). - Ya'acov Dror (Lieberman), known as the "father" of hundreds of abandoned children, died of a heart attack yesterday morning in Geneva, where he had been on a business trip. He was 55.

Dror served in the Hagana before and during the War of Independence. Shortly after the founding of the state, he helped found Mishav Talmi Menashe near Be'er Ya'acov, a settlement for "from the City to the Village" movement. Dror opened his house to children in distress. Among the children he brought up were ones whose parents had chained them in cowsheds, girls who had become prostitutes, and young drug addicts for whom no other home could be found. He recently brought into his house a young couple who had been living for three months by gathering food from garbage cans, and helped them find work and a place to live.

He leaves his wife Penina, niece of Deputy Premier Yitzhak Navon, a son, a daughter, grandchildren, his mother and grandmother.

Olive press dedicated to Yekutiel Adam

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, his predecessor Moshe Arens, Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy and many senior IDF officers yesterday attended the dedication of an ancient, reconstructed olive press to the memory of Aluf Yekutiel (Kuti) Adam, who was killed in an ambush in Lebanon.

Adam's mother and other members of the family of the former deputy-chief of general staff were present at the ceremony at the museum's park in Ramat Aviv. Rabin thanked all those who had worked to build what he called "a fitting memorial to Kuti." Adam, a well-known nature lover, was particularly interested in the Biblical period. The reconstructed olive press will be part of a park where the seven Biblical species will be planted.

Fish poisoned

KIBBUTZ NAHSHOLIM (Itim). - Thousands of dead fish, poisoned by fishermen, were washed up on the coast near this kibbutz south of Haifa earlier this week. Police arrested several fishermen who were apprehended in the act of using poison.

Large quantities of fish were impounded and declared unfit for consumption. "Bathers have been warned not to touch or eat fish which may have been poisoned."

ORT. - The 99th ORT school in Israel was dedicated this week in Maalot. Representatives of the Allentown, Pennsylvania Jewish community, which donated \$2.5 million for the school, were present at the dedication ceremony.

Judith and Baruch Hurwich and Shlomit and Yaki Eshel announce the marriage of their children

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The ceremony took place privately. September 17, 1984. Eilat 20, 5744

HOME NEWS

IBA head: Phones for all, then 2nd TV channel

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Broadcasting Authority chairman Micha Yonin yesterday suggested that Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein give priority to improving existing media before trying to set up a second television channel.

Speaking at a meeting of the IBA plenum, Yonin conceded that the technological infrastructure for another channel should be put in place, but added that Rubinstein should install a telephone in every Israeli household before embarking on a television crusade.

Rubinstein has said that the monopoly of the IBA must be broken by opening a second channel.

IBA board member Menahem Dotan (Tami) was eager to see a second channel, which aside from its cultural and entertainment value, would absorb surplus staff from the current channel. However, he saw no reason why both channels should not come under the aegis of the IBA.

The surplus of IBA personnel was again revealed as a bone of contention between IBA director-general Uri Porat and various plenum members.

Porat said that rather than fire people, he wanted to decrease the number of imported programmes and increase local productions, thus finding more gainful employment for IBA workers with little to do.

He gave an example of saving on expenditures by having all interviews conducted in the studio instead of sending out a crew for on-site filming.

The gap between income and expenditure leaves little hope of the IBA being in a position to pay salaries in December. Porat wants to push the government into a corner by giving it the option of either increasing the IBA's budget (which it is in no position to do) or permitting the IBA to become income-generating by developing the existing sponsorship system into straight-out commercialism.

Television director Tuvya Saar said the *Mabat* news had been reduced to 15 minutes on Saturday nights. *Kolbotek* will be off the air during October and November. *Simanei Derech* (Road Signs) will be screened only if there is a sponsor as will all documentaries other than *Mabat Sheni* (Second Look). Dallas will bow out to make room for four and five-episode mini-dramas and *Shah'ah Tova* (The Good Hour) will come back in a revised and less costly format.

Treats for Rosh Hashana include specials featuring Arik Einstein and Shimi Tavori and a two-part presentation of *This is Your Life* with singer Shoshana Damari. The latter will be rescreened at a later date for those who don't watch television on the High Holy Days.

Sherut Milium (Reserve Duty), a home-made production, may be temporarily suspended, following a spate of criticism. Zvi Bernstein (National Religious Party) objected to the poor image which the programme is giving to the Israel Defence Forces. He also took umbrage at the misrepresentation of the Orthodox soldier, who, he insisted, was shown in a ridiculous light.

Teachers walk out of classes, may do it again today

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - High school teachers in Petah Tikva, Acre, Haifa, Ashdod, Ashdod, Carmiel, Ramat Hasharon, the Western Galilee Regional High School and elsewhere walked out of their classrooms at 10 a.m. yesterday because they did not receive the 20 per cent salary advance promised them. They had been instructed to do so by the Secondary School Teachers Association.

However, in some places, including Tel Aviv, there was confusion because the teachers were notified at one minute to 10 a.m. that the money had been deposited in their bank accounts. By that time classes had already been dismissed. Teachers and school staff ran to call pupils back, but many pupils had already left the school grounds. Teachers who were not paid yesterday will report to work this morning, but they will go home again at 10 a.m. if the money is not in their accounts.

The advance is against salary increases which all public sector employees received under the national wage agreement. The teachers had refused to sign that agreement because they wanted an additional 8 per cent parity bonus, which some public employees got. However, earlier this month they reached an

agreement, and are now entitled to these raises for July and August.

A Local Authorities Union spokesman said the authorities were not a signatory to the agreement and do not have to give the teachers the advance, though they agreed to give it anyway.

A spokeswoman for the teachers association scoffed at this, saying the money for the advance had been given to the local authorities by the Education Ministry several days ago.

At a meeting with Education Minister Yitzhak Navon earlier this week, Shoshana Bayer, chairman of the Secondary School Teachers Association, suggested that the government take over the high schools (which are now run by local authorities or other organizations) so that teachers will receive their salaries on time.

Histadrut Teachers Union secretary-general Yitzhak Weibler is to meet Navon today to voice concern about proposed cuts in the education budget.

Weibler yesterday said additional cuts will destroy the education system because they will "hurt pupils in their souls." He was referring to the fact that the first school subjects to be sacrificed are enrichment subjects such as music, drawing, agriculture and shop.

TA building demolished, families evacuated

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two families who were evacuated yesterday from their apartments so that municipal workers could demolish the building they were living in, claim they were not informed of the planned date for the demolition.

Mazal Amran and Simha Adani, members of the two families, said that although the municipality had pasted up notices of the building's planned demolition, it specified no date. They said they were hustled out of their beds, and their belongings were thrown downstairs from the second floor.

A city hall spokesman countered that the tenants were not living in the building, part of which had collapsed on Tuesday, for fear it would collapse with them in it. He said the tenants had known of the planned demolition for two months, but had done nothing about other living arrangements.

The city arranged for hotel rooms for the tenants until they find new housing.

2nd mine found in Red Sea said to be 'almost brand new'

CAIRO (AP). - A mine found by the British in the Gulf of Suez is "almost brand new" and may have been part of the attempt to disrupt shipping in the Red Sea in July and August. Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala said yesterday.

The mine was to be pulled out of the water yesterday and it was hoped this would help establish its make and origin.

Abu-Ghazala said the British and Egyptians "have an underwater film which shows it's a modern mine," he said.

He believes it may be one of the mines that caused the explosions in the Red Sea.

Underwater explosions in the sea

and its northwestern fork, the Gulf of Suez, have damaged at least 18 ships between July 9 and August 15. Egypt has said it suspected Libya and possibly Iran of responsibility. The two countries denied involvement.

Britain, the U.S., France and Italy sent mine-hunting units to Egypt to scour Red Sea waters. The French found and detonated a mine last Friday but said it was from the 1973 Arab-Israeli war and was not linked to the recent spate of explosions.

President Hosni Mubarak has said Egypt would deny Suez Canal passage to ships from any country proven guilty of the mine-laying.

Lebanese factions fail to name committee

BIKFAYA, Lebanon (AP). - Christian and Moslem warlords failed yesterday to agree on who will represent their communities on a 40-member constituent committee that is to draft a new national constitution.

The leaders, grouped in a national coalition cabinet, wrangled all day over nominees.

Prime Minister Rashid Karamah, summing up results of six hours of closed-door talks, said, "We have finished with most of the names, but we were running short on time and, therefore, a final decision was postponed till tomorrow's session."

He insisted that final agreement "definitely" will be reached today.

The ministers would not disclose details of the talks in compliance with an agreement they reached earlier this week to keep the session private except for official communications.

But Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, who serves in the cabinet as minister of public works, transport and tourism, said "if we carry on like this, my son Taymour, could join the committee." Taymour is two years old.



Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy yesterday receives an ancient Beduin sword from Beduin Sheikh Uda Abu-Mu'amar (left) and shows his riding skills (right). Levy was a guest of Beduin dignitaries of the al-Azma tribe for a traditional *haffa* (banquet) at which the Beduin voiced hope that the new government would work for peace in the Middle East. The CGS spoke of the blood ties between the Beduin and the IDF and paid tribute to the Beduin's work for Israel's security. (IDF photos)

Last hearing today on Adiv's request for early release

RAMLE (Itim). - Udi Adiv, 38, who has been in jail since 1972 when he was convicted of espionage, is to appear this morning at the final hearing of the panel deliberating on his request to have the last third of his 17-year jail sentence waived.

Adiv was convicted, together with a group of Jews and Arabs from Haifa, of illegal contact with Syrian agents.

The panel which is weighing Adiv's request is the release commit-

tee of the Prison Authority. It is understood that the General Security Services oppose freeing him.

The committee's final decision is to be announced within 10 days.

Meanwhile, the district court in Tel Aviv yesterday turned down an application from another member of the espionage ring.

Daoud Turki asked the court to release him on parole as he has served two-thirds of this 17-year term.

'Soviets plan final solution for Jews'

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Soviet authorities have launched a campaign to rid their country of its "Jewish problem," according to Yosef Radomislenski.

Radomislenski, in a taped message broadcast on Israel Radio yesterday, said all Jews in the Soviet Union were in grave danger "because we are on the verge of the Soviets' final solution for the Jewish Problem."

Radomislenski, a Hebrew teacher well-known to organizations in contact with Soviet dissidents, said he did not know what form the "final solution" would take but that "it is clear that some way will be found, perhaps by exiling us to the Far East."

An estimated 2.5 million to three million Jews live in the Soviet Union.

The tape was recorded several days ago and smuggled to Israel. Speaking in Hebrew, Radomislenski said the number of jailed Jewish dissidents was growing and an increasing number of Jews were being dismissed from their jobs and expelled from universities.

"The situation is also dangerous for Jews who just want to continue being Jews," without taking any stand on emigration, Radomislenski said.

Abie Nathan gives party for national unity gov't

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Members of the new government last night attended a party to celebrate "the national unity government, brotherhood and peace," given by Peace Ship owner Abie Nathan, at the Hilton Hotel here.

Among those present were Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, Labour Minister Moshe Katzav, Tel Aviv

Mayor Shlomo Lahat, former police inspector-general Herzl Shafir, former Knesset speaker Menahem Savidov and former communications minister Mordechai Zupori.

Late last night, Prime Minister Shimon Peres was still expected at the party. Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir sent Nathan a message expressing his regret at being unable to attend, but thanking him for organizing the celebration.



President Chaim Herzog (right) is greeted by Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers yesterday in The Hague. (UPI telephoto)

PRICES

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Other proposals raised by the sides yesterday will also be discussed today, including a property tax on second apartments, cars and the like.

In Tiberias, Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir said last night that the tourist industry was one part of the economy which should not be included in a new price control policy.

Sharir maintained that the government economic leaders "fully understood" his wish to keep hotels and other tourist services outside the framework of controls.

Sharir also spoke out against cuts in his ministry's budget, arguing that trying to save money in this way would harm the country's foreign currency earnings.

MEAT. - The Jerusalem municipal veterinary service, in a special operation preceding the holidays, this week destroyed 80 kilograms of meat taken from various butchers in the Mahane Yehuda market. The meat was found to have been improperly stored.

Gulf states discuss military cooperation

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). - Defence and foreign ministers of the Saudi Arabian-led Gulf Cooperation Council Alliance yesterday examined military facets of a collective defence charter, prompted mainly by spillovers of the Iraq-Iran war.

At the UN, Iraq accused Iran of violating a limited truce in their four-year-old war.

The ministers are holding secret deliberations at the Saudi summer resort of Abha on a model charter, the product of two years of military consultations among the GCC member countries - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

No details emerged after their first session on Tuesday which lasted about six hours and continued over a working dinner hosted by Saudi Arabia Defence Minister Prince Sultan.

ROAD SAFETY. - A mobile unit for road-safety instruction will begin operating in the Acre region in the near future. The unit will be used in teaching fourth- and fifth-grade students safe road-crossing habits and proper reading of road signs.



Wall Street Journal: 'Israel's aid request could grow'

Coal said more vital for power production

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Coal will play an increasingly important role in future electricity production while nuclear power is only a remote possibility. Electric Corporation general manager Alug (Res.) Yitzhak Hosi said here recently.

He told a meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club that there is still no solution in sight to the "political problems" which are preventing purchase of a nuclear power plant from countries already using atomic energy.

The U.S. and Canada are among several countries which would sell Israel a nuclear reactor, but have declined to do so because of Israel's refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. The treaty involves regular inspection of all nuclear facilities by international officials.

France does not have such scruples and has already sold atomic power plants to South Africa and Pakistan, as well as a research reactor to Iraq. But it is unwilling to make a similar sale to Israel for fear of damaging its relations with Arab countries, he said.

Hosi charged that the research reactor is far more dangerous than an atomic power station because of its potential for developing nuclear weapons.

Since an Israeli produced atomic power station is not feasible, the Electric Corporation will continue to construct conventional power stations to meet the country's future electricity needs.

Hosi emphasized that the corporation and the country had made the right decision to concentrate on building coal-fired power stations instead of just oil-burning ones. Coal is cheaper and more readily available, while oil, which Israel currently purchases from Egypt and Mexico, is a more "sensitive" fuel and supplies can never be fully guaranteed.

The country's only coal-fired power station at Hadera, which has four generating units, each with a maximum output of 350 megawatts, is now producing an average of 56 per cent of the country's electricity. This is 4.6 per cent more than the corporation originally estimated, said Hosi.

The use of coal instead of oil is saving the country \$150 million a year. He said that this had helped the corporation to reduce production costs by 30 per cent in real terms in the last three years. The price rises to the consumer were due only to inflation, he said.

'New' Lawrence novel gets mixed reviews

LONDON (AP). - A long-lost semi-autobiographical novel by D.H. Lawrence has emerged from oblivion to a mixed reception from the critics, but the publisher says it is selling well.

The hostile reviews call *Mr. Noon* mediocre, overwritten and boring. But novelist Anthony Burgess called the book "something very like a major novel and one of immense autobiographical interest."

Accused rioters from Umm el-Fahm on trial

HADERA (Itim). - Eight persons from Umm el-Fahm, accused of disturbing the peace during MK Rabbi Meir Kahane's attempted visit to the village earlier this month, went on trial in magistrate's court here yesterday.

The lawyer representing them said he intended to ask the attorney-general to delay the proceedings. The judge said that the lawyer had the right to do this, but the trial would continue in the meantime.

Champion chef

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - Yosef Jerousy, 25, of Tel Aviv's Hilton Hotel, yesterday won the young chef's competition held at the Plaza Hotel here. Eli Dainao of the Tiberias Plaza was runner-up. The awards were presented by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir.

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Welfare pay postponed until after Holy Days

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The National Insurance Institute's decision to delay welfare payments until after the High Holy Days has upset Histadrut officials. Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav has asked that at least the pensioners' allotment is paid before Rosh Hashana next week.

The payments are usually made on the 28th of each month, which this year will be Rosh Hashana. Rather than advance the payments, the NII decided they will be paid at the beginning of next month.

The legal adviser to the Histadrut's social security department, Yehudit Nahman, yesterday called on the NII to make every effort to make the payments before the High Holy Days. She rejected the excuse that the delay was due to the need to revise welfare plans.

Acting chairman of the social security department Naftali Ben-Moshe said the Histadrut would strongly oppose any government attempt to reduce welfare payments as part of the package deal being negotiated with the Histadrut. He added that the labour federation would also oppose any attempt to increase the health and education

burden on the working public. Ben-Moshe said that he had requested an urgent meeting with Katzav to discuss recent press reports that welfare payments, child allowances and pensions will be affected by the government's planned budget cuts.

The Treasury intends to cut \$170 million from the government's welfare budget.

Katzav yesterday said that cuts in allotments for pensioners, invalids, and social security recipients are not a cut in luxury spending, but rather will hurt those people's ability to buy basic goods.

He said he is convinced of the necessity of cutting government spending, and intends to be the first to cut his own ministry's budget, but he does not believe that quick solutions, at the expense of welfare recipients, can heal the economy in the long run.

The national Pensioners Association also expressed strong opposition to the planned budget cuts. At an emergency meeting yesterday, the association's secretariat decided to call on the government to ensure that the "economic distress" of the country's pensioners is not worsened by the anticipated measures.

Shamir meets Turkish MPs

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday told four visiting members of the Turkish parliament that their citizens were welcome to visit Israel and see the freedom of religion enjoyed here.

Shamir, saying he hoped relations between Israel and Turkey would improve, noted that Turkey had been good to the Jews since they were expelled from Spain in 1492 and that the Turkish hero Kamal

Ataturk is commemorated in a forest near Zichron Ya'acov.

The Turkish parliamentarians brought clippings from a Turkish newspaper claiming that Israel plans to wreck the mosques on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. Shamir assured them that this was not true.

The visitors will remain here through Monday, and will be hosted in Bat Yam by the Association of Jews from Turkey.

Police deny allegations that Katz murder suspects beaten

HAIFA (Itim). — The discovery of a notebook cover with the family name of one of the suspects, allegations by the defence of beating and intimidation of the suspects, and firm denials by the police of the accusations, were the main points at the second day's hearing of the Danny Katz murder trial in Haifa yesterday.

Ahmad Kuzli, Ataf Sabihi, Samir and Fathi Janama and Ali Janim are on trial in District Court for the murder of Katz, 15, in Haifa last December. **SW DNE**

Retired superintendent Dov Ganor, who headed the investigation team until his recent retirement, testified that he found the cover of a notebook in the rubbish in the mouth of the cave where the boy's body was found. The name Janama was written on it. Samir Janama testified that he had emptied gar-

bage into the cave on the day before the boy was found.

Counsel for Ahmed Kuzli and for Samir and Fathi Janama charged that police interrogators had beaten and threatened them. Kuzli was allegedly placed on a chair and the soles of his feet were beaten. Samir Janama also allegedly had signs of violence on his body.

Police witnesses denied that the suspects had been either beaten or threatened.

Kuzli's counsel charged that a police interrogator had threatened his client that he would "throw him into the fish-ponds." Police witness Yitzhak Ben-Ami, who accompanied the team which arrested Kuzli in his village, said the suspect went wild on his arrest and claimed that he was being detained without cause. The trial resumes on Sunday.

Egged wants subsidy increased

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Egged Bus Cooperative wants the government to increase its subsidy to public transport. Egged spokesman Gideon Talmon told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that larger subsidies would actually save the country money.

According to Talmon, if public transport were cheaper, fewer people would use their cars, less fuel would be needed and fewer new cars would be purchased, leading to savings in foreign currency.

clearer, buses could get to their destinations more quickly.

Talmon was convinced that public transport should be even cheaper than it is at present, possibly even free. He said this idea had been carried out for urban traffic in a number of countries.

At present the government subsidizes public transport by 80 per cent.

5 businessmen fined for late VAT reports

HAIFA (Itim). — Five local business owners who were late in filing Value Added Tax reports were fined yesterday in Magistrates Court here.

The men fined were Zvi Ben-Guzi, a boat carpenter; Victor Agin, owner of a welding workshop; Ze'ev Turbia, a truck owner; Avraham Segel, an insurance agent; and Moshe Shabar, a restaurant manager.

The fines ranged from IS100,000 to IS450,000. The defendants also received suspended sentences of two to four months.

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Civil defence team practices evacuation techniques in the exercise held yesterday in Jerusalem's Mamilla neighbourhood. (Brian Hendler)

Big civil defence exercise in J'lem

A large-scale civil defence exercise, held for the benefit of participants in an international congress taking place in Jerusalem, was held yesterday in the capital.

Participants in the meeting of the International Organization for Mass Disaster watched as civil defence teams staged the mock evacuation of victims of a bomb blast from buildings slated for demolition in the Mamilla neighbourhood.

At the conclusion of the exercise, during which ambulances took "victims" off to hospital, an Air Force medical evacuation team landed in a helicopter to display new techniques.

Many Jerusalem residents, unaware of the exercise, were worried by the sirens and called police to ask whether there had been a terrorist attack.

Participants in the disaster conference are here from Norway, Austria, Germany, Japan, Taiwan, France, the U.S., Sweden, Finland and other countries. (Itim)



A Geula resident blows the shofar for fellow passengers on bus No. 1 in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Flower growers block bid in EEC to increase levy

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israeli flower growers, together with their German counterparts, have blocked an Italian proposal to levy higher duties in EEC countries on Israeli flowers and to reduce the quantities of flowers that Israel exports to Europe.

The proposal was to have been raised this week by the Italians in San Remo during the European Flower Congress of marketers and buyers of flowers.

The Israelis received support from the German delegation, headed by Dr. H. Rode, who also heads the

German agricultural delegation at the EEC. The Germans held behind-the-scenes talks with the Italians before the start of the congress, and the Italians agreed to drop their proposal and keep the status quo.

This means that Israeli flower growers will continue to pay a 17 per cent duty on their flowers exported to Europe between November and May and a 24 per cent duty from June to October.

Nathan Honig, head of the Agrexco flower branch in Germany, headed the Israeli delegation at the congress.

2 charged with reserve duty racket

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Charges of selling false medical documents to reserve soldiers to get them out of reserve duty were filed yesterday in District Court here against Dr. Marcus Bruno-Garber, 72, and Pinhas Kridi, 37, both of Rehovot.

Market clean-up

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An operation started yesterday to tidy up the Carmel Market here.

Police teams from the district are working together with Border Police and municipal inspectors to reduce the number of unlicensed traders in the market and tighten security in readiness for the pre-High Holy Day rush.

According to the charge sheet, Kridi would tell reservists that he could get them out of reserve duty. He would then give their names to Bruno-Garber, who filled in certificates saying the men were ill — without ever examining them.

The prosecution says that in April and May of this year, the pair charged IS1,500 to IS3,000 for each false certificate.

The charge sheet also states that on May 5 and 6 three undercover policemen came to Bruno-Garber's house in Rehovot and bought certificates from the doctor for IS1,500. The doctor did not examine any of the three, according to the charge sheet.

Census shows 345 centenarians among us

By Aaron Sittner
Jerusalem Post Reporter
There were 6,200 persons in Israel over 90 years old, and 345 were over 100, when the Census of Population and Housing was conducted in June 1983.

The number of widows in Israel — 157,000 — is five times as large as the number of widowers. The number of Moroccan-born Israelis, or children of Moroccan-born parents, stood at 455,000, compared with 300,000 of Russian birth or ancestry.

These and other data are among the first findings of the census, now being released in parts by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Bureau spokesman David Neumann reported that while 20,000 male respondents listed themselves as divorced, double that number of women said they were divorcees. While half of the divorced women were under

age 45, most of the 157,000 widows were 55 or older. The census-takers also found that 3 per cent of all men interviewed, and 4 per cent of the women, between ages 40 and 44, had never married.

As for comparisons between Jews and non-Jews, the census found that while among Jews there are 985 males for every 1,000 females, among Moslems there are 1,041 males for every 1,000 females.

One out of every five Jewish residents of Tel Aviv is over age 65 compared with one out of every six in Haifa. In Jerusalem, Jewish over-65s constituted 6.7 per cent of the city's population, more than twice the 4.4 per cent rate of non-Jewish Jerusalemites.

Despite the government's efforts at population dispersal, 90 per cent of Israel's population live in cities and towns, with nearly a quarter of them concentrated in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Vulcan workers support dismissed friends

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Scores of Vulcan Foundries employees walked out of work for more than two hours yesterday in support of their fired colleagues.

The action was called off after the intervention of Haifa Labour Council secretary Moshe Wertman and other Histadrut officials, who visited the plant and urged the men to "cool it."

Wertman warned that an all-out strike might make management close the factory, resulting in the loss of more than 300 jobs. He said the labour council will continue to fight for the men's reinstatement, but warned it could be a long struggle.

Wertman has come under fire from employees who accused the Histadrut-owned Koor concern of causing their plight by selling Vulcan to the Oudran firm.

The employees eventually returned to their jobs while the sacked workers resumed picket duty. Wertman promised that negotiations with management would begin on Sunday.

Vulcan's 18 veteran Arab workers, from Jenin in Samaria, waited outside the factory throughout the discussions. The Arabs have been prevented from working since Sunday by the sacked employees — Jews and Israeli Druze who maintain that Israeli citizens should be given priority for jobs.

The sacked employees' leader, Yosef Assulin, said the ban on the Arab workers would remain in force until all those who had been dismissed were reinstated.

Dismissal notices were originally sent to 67 employees but 16 have accepted severance pay or opted for early retirement.

Wertman, asked by *The Jerusalem Post* why the labour council had not spoken out against the apparent discrimination against the Arab workers by the dismissed Vulcan employees, said the sacked men had been asked to stop all disruptive action.

Vulcan general manager Alex Ferling said the management is ready to enter negotiation with the labour council on the number of dismissals.

Put minorities in cabinet, says ministry's ex-director

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A former director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry has called for the appointment of Arabs and other minorities to the cabinet and as deputy directors-general in the Interior, Religious Affairs and Education Ministries.

Yisrael Lippel, head of the Jerusalem Institute for Inter-Religious Relations and Research, sent telegrams yesterday to Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir.

Lippel argued that many Arabs deal with the three ministries and that they should have representation. He has in mind not only Moslems but also Christians and Druze. He said that Jews have been

named to cabinets in a number of European countries, even though they are minorities there, and that it is only fitting that Israel's minorities be represented in government.

The Moslem department in the Religious Affairs Ministry, for example, has always been headed by a Jew.

Having prominent Arabs in government would both encourage Israeli Arab citizens and send out a positive message abroad, Lippel told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Lippel, an Orthodox Jew, served in the ministry for many years but left it when Aharon Abuhazzeira took over the portfolio. Since then, Lippel has been concerned with inter-religious relations and minority affairs.

Electric Corp. says it lessened pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation yesterday asserted that it has cut air pollution from the Eshkol power station in Ashdod by 60 per cent.

A survey conducted by the corporation's environmental protection unit maintains that sulfur-dioxide emissions from the plant were considerably reduced during the first half of this year compared to the same period in 1983.

This alleged reduction was achieved by burning fuel with a lower sulfur content, the use of air pollution monitoring equipment, and advance warnings of unfavourable weather conditions from the meteorological service.

Emissions from the plant exceeded permitted levels on four occasions compared to six times during the same period last year.

The corporation spokesman blamed the violations on not receiving advance notice of meteorological conditions which would prevent the dispersal out to sea or high into the atmosphere of gaseous emissions.

The corporation yesterday won its appeal in the National Council for Building and Development, permitting it to build a supplementary power station between Tel Aviv and Herzliya to serve the Herzliya area. The council previously refused planning permission because the land was reserved for agriculture.

The possible advantages of double summer time here are based on the finding that July and August are peak usage months for air conditioners. Therefore, reducing their operation by about two hours would be reflected substantially in the power demand curve.

This year's 6-week summer time meant a \$2m. savings in energy costs, the ministry found. But it says that \$3.6m. could be saved if the government adopts Shabar's proposal to expand it next year from March 15 to October 15.

Begin's surgery today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Former prime minister Menachem Begin will have prostate surgery this morning at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

The Jerusalem Post has learned from a reliable source that the decision to operate was made Tuesday evening after urologist Dr. Willard Goodwin of the University of California in Los Angeles conferred with the diagnosis and recommendations of local specialists.

The former premier was hospitalized a week and a half ago for a urinary tract complaint.

Community centre heads negative to old people

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Most of the country's community centre directors have a negative approach towards old people. This emerges from a survey conducted by Bar-Ilan University's School of Social Work.

Researcher Yaron Sokolow found that directors of Sephardi origin had a better attitude towards the senior citizens than those with Ashkenazi backgrounds. He also found that younger directors had a more positive attitude towards older people.

Sokolow said the attitudes disclosed were a cause for concern, because there will be 400,000 old people in the country by 1990, some 10 per cent of the population.

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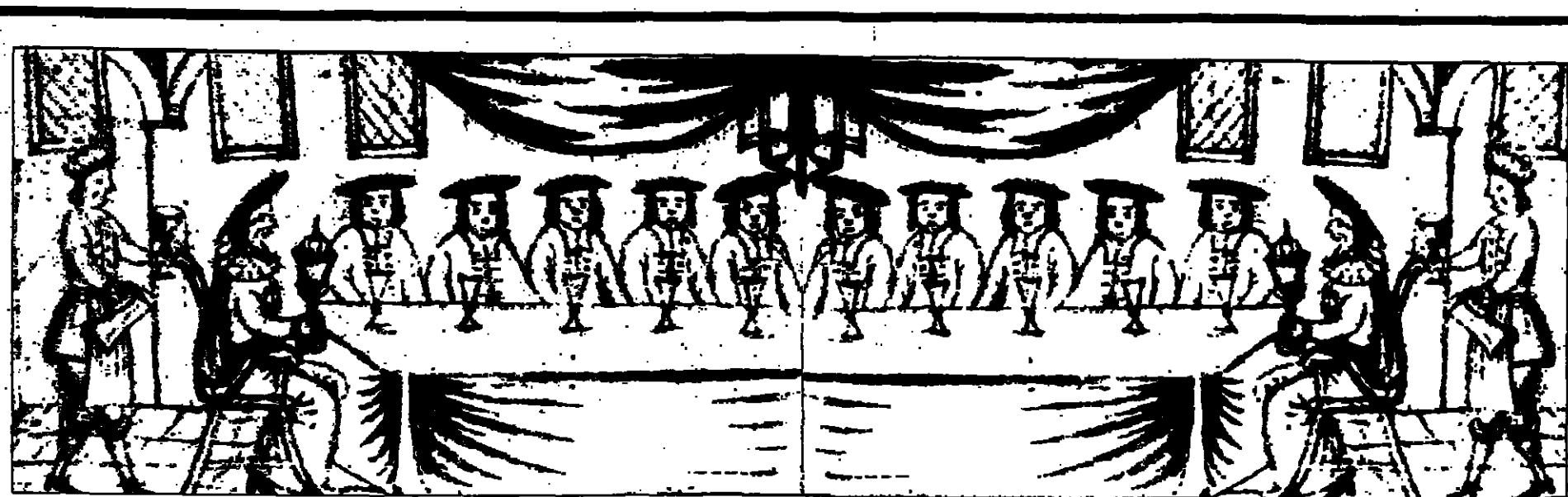
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Today Food for Rosh Hashana



A feast of tradition

Bessie Springson suggests some tasty main dishes for New Year meals, while Greer Fay Cashman goes back to her roots in devising holiday desserts.

SYMBOLISM is the keynote of food served on the New Year. Almost every item we eat has an appropriate meaning: the balls are traditionally round to symbolize a happy life without end; carrot tzimmes includes coin-like slices to symbolize prosperity; wines are sweet for a sweet year. Honey and delicacies containing honey signify the same sweet blessing and apples or pomegranates will be dipped in honey and a prayer recited over the first fruits.

Shabbat follows directly after Rosh Hashana, so menus should be planned for three days. Here are some suggestions for the main meals of the holiday.

Salad Nicoise - Nitzan
This salad can be used as a first course by adding a layer of tuna or a small tin of anchovies; alternatively, it can be used as a salad and side dish with poultry or turkey.

Salad
6 potatoes, cooked and sliced
6 firm tomatoes, cut in wedges
10 gm. firm black olives
1 can green beans
1 clove garlic, halved
1 head of lettuce
4 hard-boiled eggs, cut in wedges
Rub a bowl with a clove of garlic. Tear lettuce into pieces. Drain the beans. Layer ingredients, starting with lettuce, then potato slices, egg wedges, green beans and tomato wedges and finish with the black olives on top.

Dressing
4 cups vinegar (wine vinegar is best)
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup paprika
1/2 cup dry mustard
1/2 cup parsley, finely chopped
1/2 cup pickled cucumbers, chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup sweet red pepper (gamba), chopped

Make the dressing by mixing everything in a jar with tight fitting lid. Shake well and chill in refrigerator. Just before serving, shake dressing well and pour over salad.

Chicken Liver Hors D'Oeuvres
Very economical. Serves seven or eight.
1/2 cup chicken livers
1/2 cup hard-boiled eggs
1/2 cup mushrooms, blanched
1/2 cup med. or 2 small onions
1/2 cup med. or 2 small onions
Grill livers for a few moments. Finely slice onions to make rings and boil them in a little water in a frying pan until soft.

Cut blanched tomatoes, eggs and livers into small pieces; add to soft onion. Mix in a little chicken fat or very little oil with a heaped teaspoon of soup powder. Season to taste. Stir and fry for a few minutes. Serve hot. Can be reheated if prepared a day in advance.

Egg and Onion Appetizer
1/2 cup hard-boiled eggs
1/2 cup med. onions, finely chopped
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup pepper
1/2 cup chicken fat
1/2 cup chicken bouillon cube, crumbled
Chop the eggs, add the finely chopped onions, seasoning, chicken fat or oil and crumbled chicken bouillon cube. Mix well. Serve on a plate with tomato wedge and black olive.

Basic Chicken Soup - Consomme
2 chickens, cut into eighths
9 cups cold water
2 small or 1 large onion, sliced
1/2 cup chicken soup powder
3 stalks celery, diced
2 carrots, sliced
3 sprigs parsley
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup white pepper
Place chicken in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil and simmer. Add vegetables and seasonings and simmer until the chicken is tender. Remove chicken and strain stock. Cool. Store in refrigerator until needed. Remove it from top.

Celestine Strips
Celestine strips are especially delicious with chicken soup.
6 litre (2 1/2 cups) water
1/2 lbs. oil
1/2 cup parsley, chopped
1/2 cup eggs
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup white pepper
Four as needed, about 1 1/4 cups

Place all ingredients in blender with enough flour to make a consistency of thin cream. Allow to stand for at least 30 minutes. Heat pan a little, add sufficient oil or margarine to cover the bottom, tilt to coat sides and pour off excess.

Pour in sufficient batter to coat base thinly, tilting pan if necessary. Return to medium heat and cook until golden. Turn and cook other side.

These crepes can be made in advance, wrapped and refrigerated for several days. Left-over crepes can be frozen for future use. To defrost, simply allow the crepes to stand at room temperature for easy separation.

To make the celestines, roll up the crepes and cut into slices about 1/2 cm. wide, making strips for the soup. Crepes can be warmed in the oven at low temperature.

Glazed Chicken
Chicken left over from the soup is very good when browned in a medium oven with a glaze made from: 1 cup orange juice; grated rind of 1 orange; 1/4 cup honey; 1/4 cup chicken fat or oil. Combine these ingredients, pour over chicken and brown it for about 30 minutes. Baste frequently.

Traditional Roast Turkey
Serves 10 to 12.
1 turkey, about 3 1/2 kilos
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup onion or rice stuffing (below)
1/2 cup lemon
1/2 cup white pepper, ginger
2 tbs. flour
2 cups stock made from giblets
After kashering, dry turkey well, then rub inside with salt. If stuffing is desired, stuff the body and neck cavity two-thirds full. Fold skin over neck opening.

Place wing tips under body and pass a skewer through wing tips and neck and back of turkey to secure. Truss to secure the legs close to the body. Rub surfaces with lemon, salt and pepper.
Place turkey if possible on a rack, breast side up, in a large roasting pan. Spread thickly with softened margarine. A dusting of ginger powder over turkey enhances the flavor. Cover loosely with aluminum foil and roast in a preheated moderate oven 350°F/180°C (Mark 4) until tender, about 3-3 1/2 hours.

Remove foil for the last 30 minutes of cooking to brown. A fork inserted in the thickest part of the leg will show colour of juice: if cooked, the juice should not be pink.

NOTE: If bird is not stuffed, cooking time is reduced by about 10 minutes per kilogram.

Keep turkey warm on a heated platter. Drain off all but 2 tbs. fat from the roasting pan. Mix in flour and cook over low heat for 2 minutes.

Gradually add stock, stir in the sediment, bring to a boil stirring continuously and simmer for 3 or 4 minutes. Adjust seasoning and serve with turkey.

Sausage Stuffing
50 gm. margarine
4 tbs. flour
4 tbs. chopped onion
250 gm. sausage meat
1 cup soft breadcrumbs
2 tbs. chopped parsley
1 tsp. each dried thyme and rosemary
salt to taste
Melt margarine, saute onion until soft, mix in all other ingredients. Cook mixture for 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Rice Stuffing
2 cups rice
125 gm. margarine
1 cup orange or other fruit juice
1 cup raisins - optional
1/2 cup pine nuts, sauteed lightly in margarine
1 onion, grated
2 med. cooking apples
grated rind of 1 lemon
6 tbs. sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon or nutmeg

Fry the rice in the margarine until golden, add fruit juice and parboil the rice for 8 minutes, adding water if necessary. The rice must not be mushy. Add the remaining ingredients; stir well and cook for 20 minutes.

Very Festive Turkey Drumsticks
6 turkey drumsticks, med.-sized
seasoned flour for dusting
oil for browning
1 pkt. Roast Sauce Mix
1/2 container (60 gm.) red cherries
100 gm. raisins or 1/2 cup strained pineapple pieces
1 cup dry red wine
1/2 cup pineapple pieces
1/2 cup paprika
Roll drumsticks in seasoned flour and paprika. In about 1/2 cm. deep oil, brown them all around, then place them in a deep baking pan or pyrex dish. Prepare sauce mix as directed on the package, add wine and pour over drumsticks, adding water if necessary to make drumsticks covered two-thirds up. (Do not immerse them altogether.)
Cover loosely with aluminum foil and bake in centre of a moderate oven, 350°F/180°C (Mark 4), for 1 1/2 hours, removing the foil 1/2 hour before finish.

Add cherries and raisins or pineapple just 5 minutes before removing from stove. (I can assure you the drumsticks will not be sweet.)

Steak Roll
Serves five or six.
600 gm. braising steak in one flat piece
2 tbs. onion flakes
1 tbs. tomato
150 gm. mushrooms
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tbs. beef stock (made with a cube)

Parboil potatoes for about 12 minutes, drain. Scoop out balls with a

mustard salt and pepper
1/2 tsp. mixed dried herbs
Place meat between 2 pieces of heavy plastic wrap and beat until, almost 1/4 cm. (1/4 inch) thick. Soak onion flakes until softened. Wash and chop mushrooms, blanch tomatoes and chop. Mix all the prepared vegetables together in a bowl with the garlic and beef stock.

Spread the steak thinly with the mustard. Season well with salt and pepper, and sprinkle with the herbs. Cover the steak with the vegetable mixture.
Roll up the steak like a Swiss roll and secure with skewers or cotton. Wrap the roll in foil, place it on a tray and bake in a moderately hot oven 375°F/200°C (Mark 5) for 1 1/4 hours.
Remove foil from roll for the last 20 minutes to allow to brown. Drain off any liquid and reserve it.

Cut only just before starting the meal into 1 inch (2 1/2 cm.) slices. Can be eaten cold or warmed up in a prepared sauce mix and with the liquid strained off after baking.

Suggested Side Dishes
Peas
One pkt. frozen peas, cooked, or canned peas heated up with a dash of sugar and 2 or 3 sprays of mint add glamour to the dish. (Serves eight)

Glazed Carrots
8 large carrots, sliced
salted water to cover
2 tbs. honey
4 tbs. sugar
4 tbs. oil
rind of 1 lemon
dash of ginger - optional
Cook the carrots in the salted water and boil for 10 minutes. Add the sugar, honey and oil and simmer until the liquid is almost absorbed and the carrots glazed, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle with lemon rind and ginger. (Serves eight)

Green Beans
Fresh, frozen (1 pkt.) or canned beans can be enhanced by gently frying bread crumbs in margarine and then tossing the beans with the crumbs. (Serves eight)

Fried Rice
200 tbs. oil
200 gm. (1 glass) rice
2 cups chicken stock or water with 2 chicken soup cubes
1 tsp. salt
Heat oil in heavy casserole. Brown rice until golden, drain off excess oil. Add stock and salt.
Place in moderate oven 350°F/180°C (Mark 4) and cook until the rice has absorbed all the liquid and is fluffy and golden brown. (Serves eight)

Potato Balls
2 kilos potatoes, parboiled
oil for frying, about 1 cup
salt
chopped parsley
Parboil potatoes for about 12 minutes, drain. Scoop out balls with a

melon ball cutter. Heat oil and saute potato balls until golden brown. Sprinkle with salt and chopped parsley. (Serves 10-12)

(I put to use the fall-away pieces of potato sometimes for fritters - latkes - or sometimes for potato salad.)

Leek Pancakes
Suitable as a light meal Friday lunchtime. Serves six.
750 gm. leeks
water to cover
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 slices white bread without crusts
4 eggs
750 gm. minced meat
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup pepper
oil for frying
juice of 3 lemons
Strip the leeks of the coarse outside leaves, dice into very small pieces and just cover with salted water. Cook until the water has evaporated, about 20-25 minutes. Add the white bread to absorb the moisture, then crumble it up. Beat in the eggs, meat, nuts and pepper. Form into patties and fry in fairly deep oil.

Place the patties in a casserole, sprinkle with lemon juice and cover. Place over low heat for about 10 minutes to allow the patties to steam in the lemon juice.
Generally eaten cold, but also very good hot.

Stuffed Stems
A meal on the lighter side. Serves eight to 10.
20 broad stems of Swiss chard or celery (see note below)
1/4 kilo minced meat
2 eggs
salt and pepper
dash of cinnamon - optional
2 tbs. breadcrumbs
1 tbs. chopped parsley
1 tbs. oil
1 tbs. water
lemon juice to taste
flour as needed
Cut the stems into 10 cm. lengths. Mix the meat with the breadcrumbs, parsley, salt, pepper, 1 egg and cinnamon if desired. Fill the stems, roll in flour, lightly beat remaining egg with the water and dip the flour stems in it. Fry in hot oil just to seal.

Place filled stems, meat side up, in a casserole and almost cover with water flavoured with lemon juice. Cover and cook over low heat about 1 1/2 hours.

If desired, just before end of cooking, add more lemon juice.
NOTE: After using the broad stems of Swiss chard ("mangold"), the remaining leaves can be cooked the same way as spinach and served as a side dish.

ASIDE from all their religious connotations, festivals are the foundation for family tradition. Since the majority of Jewish festivals are in

one way or another food-oriented, many family customs are naturally enough centred on cuisine.

Recipes handed down from generation to generation but ignored for most of the year are trotted out for the festival as if they were part of some ceremonial rite.

My own childhood was fragrant with the aromas of the central European kitchen and though I love the incredible variety of foods of the Israeli melting pot, come festival time, the redolence in my kitchen is distinctly Polish. At Rosh Hashana, it seems to me appropriate to concentrate on Polish/Jewish delicacies which are symbolic of the season in that nearly everything is sweet - the fish, the meat, the side dishes and, of course, the desserts.

In the cold climes of central Europe, dessert was served after the main course, but before the cake and tea or coffee. In Israel cake is the dessert. And if we're talking about cake and central European traditions, honey cake at Rosh Hashana is at the top of the list.

There are different opinions as to whether honey cake should be light or heavy, pungently spiced or delicately flavoured, moist or dry. The following cake tastes good and is less expensive than a lot of other recipes which call for brown sugar and larger quantities of honey and flour.

Honey Cake
2 cups self-raising flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
pinch of salt
2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. baking soda
4 tbs. honey
4 eggs
1 tbs. instant coffee dissolved
in 1/2 cup of boiling water, cooled
NOTE: Cups are regular teacup measurements. If you're inclined to take a slapdash approach to recipes, be careful of the ratio of baking soda or powder to self-raising flour. If you put in too much soda or baking powder, your cake will explode in the oven.

Heat the oven to 180° C. before you begin.
Combine all the ingredients in a deep bowl and mix well. When the batter is smooth, transfer it to a well-greased, circular pan - or you may prefer to buy the disposable wax papered pans, quite reasonably priced and available in most supermarkets in packages of five.

Bake the cake for 1 to 1 1/4 hours. To test whether it is properly baked, insert a match-stick or knife blade. If it comes out clean, the cake is ready. Cool on wire rack.

Traditions are not always popular, and there are people who just don't like honey cake. If you're putting two cakes on the table, sponge is a fairly safe bet as your second choice.

Warning: No matter how high it rises, sponge cake will shrink almost as soon as it is exposed to the air. To prevent shrinkage, bake it in a tube pan and hang the pan upside down over a bottle immediately after removing it from the oven. If you haven't lined the bottom of the pan with a baking sheet, the cake will stay put until the pan has cooled.

Sponge Cake
6 eggs, separated
2 cups self-raising flour, sifted
1/2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups sugar
6 tbs. fresh orange juice
1 tbs. grated orange rind
Heat oven to 180° C.

Take two mixing bowls. Drop a squirt of orange juice in the larger bowl and rotate the bowl so that the whole inner surface gets a fine film of the juice.

Place the six egg-whites in the bowl and set aside.

In second bowl, using electric mixer, beat egg-yolks until thick and creamy. Add one cup of sugar, beating until the mixture is smooth. At low speed, blend in flour and salt, then blend in orange juice and rind.

Clean the beaters and, at high speed, beat egg-whites until foamy. Gradually add half-a-cup sugar and continue beating until peaks form. Gently fold egg-yolk mixture into egg-whites.

Four batter into large, ungreased tube pan and bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour. After removing from oven, leave pan inverted for at least one hour. Loosen cake by running knife or spatula around tube section outside of pan. Place inverted pan over plate and gently tap the base with the handle of the knife. The cake should slide easily onto the plate.

In many households of central European background, lockshen kugel or noodle pudding is served either as a side dish with the main course, or - if it is sweet - as a dessert in its own right.

If served cold as a dessert, it tastes better after a night or two in the refrigerator.

Lockshen Kugel
500 gr. coarse noodles
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1 cup oil
1 grated apple
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. cloves
1 cup raisins

Bring noodles to boil according to directions on the package, drain and rinse with cold water. Place in deep bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix well. Transfer mixture to well-greased oven dish and bake in preheated hot oven for 1 hour.

Before placing dish in oven, flatten mixture with a plate or the back of a spoon so that the noodles will not fall apart after baking. Cool the kugel after baking and refrigerate in the dish in which it was baked.

Say cheese!

RECIPES for dozens of different types of mouth-watering cheesecakes have been put into a colourfully illustrated, soft-cover book now on sale at Supersol stores.

The Hebrew version of the book, translated from the original English by popular cookbook author Ruth Sirkis, is the first in a series of books written for Marks & Spencer that will be carried by the Supersol chain.

One of the problems in editing the book for Israelis, Sirkis explained recently to reporters at the Tel Aviv Sheraton (who savoured cheesecakes with coconut, pineapple, cherry, chocolate cream and spicy fillings), was adapting the ingredients to the larger baking pans used here.

The original recipes, by Britisher Anne Ager, called for 18 cm. pans, but most Israelis use 22 cm. to 24 cm. pans.

The next book in the series will be a cookbook for vegetarians. (D.L.)

Correction
The Wizo bring and buy sale is scheduled for Oct. 30, not as stated in last Sunday's Today page.

Today is edited by Amy Levinson.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 School Broadcasts 15.00 Betty and the Bunch 15.30 Prety Butterfly 16.00 This Is My World 17.00 A New World 17.30 News
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 From Us - children's magazine
18.00 Cartoons
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News
19.00 Meetings - current affairs
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a new roundup
20.00 Match of the Week
20.30 Tapes - bi-weekly science and technology magazine
21.00 Mabat News
21.30 The Edge of Extinction - BBC documentary about Gerald Durrell
22.00 The Sackets, Part 3 of a 4-part serial about 3 brothers who travel westwards to find rich, starring Jeff Osterhagen, Tom Selton and Elliot
22.30 Benny Hill - comedy series with the famous British comedian
23.00 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
18.30 Cartoons 17.30 (GTV 3) Mazaroni 18.00 French Club 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 A Fine Romance 21.10 Vanderburg 22.00 News in English 22.15 Feature film
MIDDLE EAST TV (Oven T.A. north):
18.00 Westbrook Hospital 13.30 Another Life 14.00 700 Club 15.30 Show-Up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spideeman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Flying House 18.00 Laramie 19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Sullivan: The Gondoliers, overture; Morley/Dowland: 4 Songs; Sullivan: Iolanthe, Overture
7.30 Prokofiev: Symphony in D major, Op. 25; Offenberg: Suite No. 2 for 2 Cello; Jasecki: Sinfonietta (London, 1984); Schubert: Marches; Haydn: Symphony No. 92, Oxford
9.30 Vicentini: Violin Concerto in A minor (Kyung-wha Chung, London Symphony, Foster); Spohr: Quintet for Piano and Wind Instruments in C minor, Op. 52; Vaughan-Williams: Symphony No. 5 in D major; Schubert: String Quintet in C major, Op. 163
12.00 Back: Prelude and Fugue; Beethoven: Camargo and Toccata; Bach: Sarabande; Barokk: Suite, Op. 14; Chopin: Etude, Op. 10
13.05 Tchaikovsky: Hamlet Overture Fantasy; Tchaikovsky: Ballet Music to Hamlet; Handel: Excerpts from Julius Caesar; Vaughan-Williams: Windsor Woods Cantata; Chabrier: Hark, Hark, the Lark; Schubert: To Sylvia; Nordheim: Two Pieces from The Tempest
15.00 Music Viva - Beethoven: Finding places on an ark
15.30 Youth Concert
16.30 Intercourse - Bach: 6 Sonatas for Flute and Piano
18.00 Summer's Night Music (no details available)

19.05 Bach: Cantata No. 97: Prokofiev: Sonata for Flute and Piano, Op. 94; Colgrass: Variations for 4 Drums and Violes; Beethoven: English Folk Songs
20.25 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra - Schumann: Symphony No. 2 in C major; Szymanowski: Violin Concerto No. 1; Stravinsky: Ariet; Schubert: Overt in F major 23.00 Paganini: The Life of Maria Callas (part 6, repeat)

First Programme
6.03 Programmes for Olm
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Encounter - live family magazine
10.30 Programmes in Easy Hebrew
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Sephardi songs
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.30 Speaker's Forum
15.35 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Middle East Crossroads
17.05 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everyman's University
17.30 Bible Reading
18.05 Radio Drama
19.05 Prayers for the High Holydays
19.30 Programmes for Olm
22.05 Between Ourselves - live talk show

Second Programme
6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning - news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network
12.05 Open Line - news and music
13.00 Midday - news commentary, music
14.05 A Taste of History - with Dan Kaner
16.10 Safe Journey

17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.05 Any Questions?
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today - radio newsreel
19.30 News
20.05 Roots - folklore magazine
21.15 Stories and songs from different places
22.05 Yiddish songs
23.05 Quiz - introduced by Shmuel Rosenberg

Army
6.10 Morning Sounds
7.07-7.07 - with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now - with Rafi Resher
11.05 Israeli Sunrises - with Eli Yarseli
12.05 Regard - to and from soldiers serving in Lebanon
13.05 Two Hours
15.05 What's Wrong? - with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Economics Magazine
19.05 Music Today - music magazine
20.05 Israeli Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat - TV Newsreel
21.35 Songs
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Round - with Hanech Ron
00.05 Night Birds - songs, chat

CINEMAS
JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Ladies' Hairdresser: Edison: Rembrandt: The Stone: Babirah: One Down, Two to Go: Kfir: Candid Camera: Mitchell: Lili Eppoué: with Ombré 7, 9: Orly: Spring Symphony: Orly: The Nat: 4, 6, 40, 9: Orly: Le Batim 4, 6, 45, 9: Ron: Runners: Semadar: La Traviata 7, 9: Binyamin: The Ambassador 7, 9:

Cinema One: The Sound of Music 4; Verri: 9.15; Cinema: Requiem 7; Mor: 9.30; Direct: 9.30; Taron: midnight; Israel Museum: The Sun 3.30.
TEL AVIV 4, 30, 7.15, 9.30
Albany: Ladies' Hairdresser: Ben-Yehuda: Streets of Fire; Chai: Police Academy 5, 7.25, 9.40; Chai: 2: Champions 4.40, 7.20, 9.40; Chai: 3: Return of Martin Guerre 7.15, 9.35; Chai 4: Big Chill 10.30, 1.30, 4.15, 7.25, 9.40; Chai 5: Cross Creek 10.30, 1.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.35; Cinema One: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom; Cinema Two: Terms of Endearment 4.30, 7.30; Class: Escape from the Cage; Delek: The Natural 7.10, 9.30; Delek: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom; Esther: Les Moutons 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Gordon: Herd 4.40, 7.10, 9.30; Hedi: Ambrosio: Levi: La Traviata 1.45, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30; Levi: Chaim 1.45, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30; Lerner: Breathless; Mosh: Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid; Mosh: Against All Odds; Orly: Funny People II; Parlo: Bull Shot 10.12, 2.4, 6, 7.30, 9.30; Parlo: Caddie; Shabat: Blame it on Rio; Shabat: Moscow on the Hudson; Tamar: Zigzag Story 7.15, 9.40; Telshe: Horse Feathers 5, 7.30, 9.30; Tel Aviv: Jews 3-D; Tel Aviv: Museum: Sunday in the Country 5, 7.30, 9.30; Zafon: Garçon.

RAIFA 4, 6, 45, 9
Amphitheatre: Les Moutons; Armon: The Natural 4, 6, 45, 9.15; Armon: Le Batim: Chai: Police Academy: Moriah: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 7; Stranger in Town 9; Chai: Work Orange; Orly: Big Chill 6.45, 9; Per: Champions; Ron: D.C. Cabs; Shavit: Zigzag Story 7, 9.15.
RAMAT GAN
Armon: Police Academy 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Lili: The Dresser 7.15, 9.30; Ossi: Rembrandt: The Stone 7.15, 9; Picoch: 4.30; Orly: The Amb: 4.30, 7.15.

9.30: Ramat Gan: Against All Odds 7.15, 9.30
HERZLIYA
David: Footloose 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Hedi: Uncanny Valley 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Telshe: Champions 7.15, 9.30
BOLON
Migdal: Police Academy 7.15, 9.30; Savoy: The Ambassador 7.15, 9.30; Revenge of the Ninja 4.30
BAT YAM
Armon: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

WHAT'S ON

MUSEUMS
Israel Museum Exhibitions: The Armand Hammer Collection, 16th-20th cent. masterpieces, paintings and drawings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Titian, Michelangelo, Raphael, Goya, Cezanne, Gauguin, van Gogh, Picasso, etc. Plasticine, children's works and activity corner. Scripts - creating home theatre sets and greetings cards. 12 pages from the Cairo Geniza. Permanent collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology. Happy Accidents. Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray: Special exhibits: Ludwig Schwegler - commemorating the 1st anniversary of the artist's death; Sephardi Jews of the Ottoman Empire; The Abnath Mortar, 17th century Italy. Rockefeller Museum: Egypt - the other side of the River - funerary objects, Ticho House, works by Anna Ticho, Hanukkah lamps, library and garden cafe.
Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5, At 11: guided tour in English. At 3: guided tour of Judaica Galleries. At 3.30: The Smurfs - animated children's film, dubbed Hebrew dialogue.
CONDUCTED TOURS
RADASSAR - Guided tour of all installations w/ Hourly tours at Kiryat Hadassah and Hadassah Mt. Scopus. * Information, reservations.

02-416333, 02-446271.
HEBREW UNIVERSITY:
1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9 and 28.
2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Brodman Reception Centre, Sherman Building. Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details: Tel. 02-882819.
AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrahi Women). Free Morning Tours - 5 Aikalah Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

Tel Aviv Museums
Tel Aviv Museum Exhibitions: Art of Sardinia until the end of the Nuraghi period. Opens 7.30 tonight. The Zone, Ezzat Bait's photographs of neo-Nazi street gangs. Nahum Gutman, paintings and illustrations. Collections - Classical 17th and 18th century paintings; Impressionism and Post-Impressionism; 20th Century Art; Selection of Israeli Art; Special loans, including paintings by Monet, Morisot, Pissarro, Bonnard, Matisse, Rothko, Guttus, Refua, Rubenstein, Pavlov, Denis, Oppenheim: Factories, Fireworks 1979-84, machine-like assemblages. Viewing Hours: Tel Aviv Museum: Sun-Thur, 10-10. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2, 7-10. Herta and Paul Amirson: Sun-Thur, 9-1.5. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2.

CONDUCTED TOURS
AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrahi Women). Free Morning Tours - Tel Aviv, Tel. 220187, 243106.
WIZO: To visit our projects call Tel Aviv, 220390; Jerusalem, 226060; Haifa, 8937.
PIONEER WOMEN - NAFAMAT Morning tours. Call reservations: Tel Aviv, 256096.
MISCELLANEOUS
Hadassah Visitors Dept. Astor Hotel, Room 01, 105 Hayarkon St., Tel. 03-223141.

Haifa
What's On in Haifa, dial 04-640600.
Elise Church, 43 Meir St. Concert, Sat. 22nd, 8 p.m. Songs of Oreg and religious folk songs.

'Europe has been put on sale to Americans' What the dollar buys

LONDON (AP). — For American tourists, the greenback's power has been a godsend. "It's put Europe on sale to Americans," said Hans Jacometti, Amsterdam sales director for Hilton Hotels. "We are prospering as a direct result."

In Athens, where the dollar has gained 30 per cent in value over the last 13 months, officials estimate there are 25 per cent more tourists this year than last. One dollar buys them a shot of whisky, two cups of coffee at a luxury cafe or a 4-kilometre taxi ride.

In Rome, one dollar will buy a pack of imported U.S. cigarettes — 19 cents less than it cost last year.

In Frankfurt, a first-class hotel cost \$109, compared with \$116 a year ago, even though the price to mark-carrying Germans is up from 310 marks to 340.

In Spain, \$3 buys a three-course meal with bread and wine at a medium-priced restaurant. In London a \$14.50 ticket to the hit musical "Cats" would have cost \$21.90 a year ago but now converts to \$17.70 dollars.

American exports, however, are hurt by a rising dollar. It was one factor in Monday's record \$24.4 billion trade deficit reported by the U.S. Commerce Department.

But import-dependent countries also are hurt by a strong dollar. The major problem here is crude oil, which is priced in dollars.

Business analysts in Rome and Milan expect the rising dollar to widen Italy's trade deficit, already \$6 billion last year.

A senior official at the Greek finance ministry said that each time the dollar goes up by one drachma, "it costs us a million dollars more in fuel imports."

Tom Bakmans, foreign exchange manager at the Netherlands' NMB Bank, called the booming dollar "completely ridiculous" and said, "it's impossible to tell when this type of stupidity will end."

Is there any limit to the dollar's advance? "Some investors speculated it would be at \$1.30, and it has cost them a lot of money," said a London Citibank dealer.



View of some of the many bridges over the river Amstel, from which Amsterdam derives its name. (Oortuis)

Jordan finance minister foresees steady real growth

AMMAN (Reuters). — Jordan's real economic growth of 3.8 per cent this year so far will match that of 1983 despite sluggish economic activity elsewhere, particularly in the Arab world, Finance Minister Hannah Oudeh said this week. He added that Jordan's increasingly open economy was inevitably affected by outside factors.

The 1983 growth rate was down from 5.1 per cent in 1982.

Jordan's second five-year development plan ends in 1985 and it is now preparing the third.

Production, particularly in industry, has improved while exports, especially of phosphates and potash, are rising.

"We continue to hope that economic conditions will continue to pick up in the neighbouring Arab countries," the minister said.

Oudeh said that remittances from Jordanians working abroad were being maintained, "and we hope they will continue to increase."

Remittances rose 5.5 per cent, to 403 million dinars (\$1.02 billion) in 1983, covering 45 per cent of Jordan's trade deficit. But the growth rate was down from 12 per cent, as lower world oil prices depressed economic activity in the Arab world.

Oudeh also said he hoped for an upturn in aid from Arab oil producing countries, which has also been hit by lower oil revenues.

He said Jordan had received much less than was pledged by the oil producers to the "frontline" Arab states bordering Israel by the 1978 Arab summit in Baghdad.

Arab financial aid to Jordan fell 22 per cent last year, to 258m. dinars (\$652m.) from 336m. dinars (\$848m.) in 1982.

This situation had forced Jordan to seek \$200m. in loans — \$150m. from a group of international banks and \$50m. from Kuwaiti banks, he said.

But Oudeh noted that the low interest rate on the seven-year loans — half a percentage point over the London Eurodollar rate — was evidence of the country's good financial standing.

Dun & Bradstreet (Europe) available now

Jerusalem Post Reporter.

TEL AVIV. — Israel will be about one month to be connected to the European data bank of the world's largest supplier of business information, Dun & Bradstreet. Until now only the services of D & B in the United States were available here.

David Houdi, general manager of the local branch of D & B, said yesterday that with the introduction of this new service Israeli business decision makers will be provided with advanced information on European companies.

He added that D & B services in Europe have been strengthened during the past year through the takeover of three established information companies, Schimmelpfennig of Germany, Kosmos of Italy, and Datastream of England.

In the U.S. last year the veteran A.L. Nielsen company merged with D & B. Founded in 1923, Nielsen is active today in 27 countries.

WINERY. — The Yarden winery in the Golan Heights town of Katzrin has sent its first export shipment of wine to San Francisco. The shipment contains 600 bottles of Sauvignon, and two more shipments of the same size will be sent to San Francisco soon.

'Financial safety on knife's edge'

LONDON (AP). — Lord Harold Lever, a noted economist and a former cabinet minister, said recently that "the world's financial safety is balanced on a knife edge" because of massive bank lending to developing countries.

He was summarizing a 115-page report titled "The debt crisis and the world economy." The report was written by Lever and nine other economists and government officials from Commonwealth countries.

Without a global strategy involving both official guarantees of bank loans and more official lending by the governments of developed nations, "we are likely to move from crisis to crisis with the fragile banking system," Lever said.

He said the present situation under which debtor nations must borrow money to meet more than half of the interest due on their debt was an "increasingly unconvincing charade."

While calling for sacrifice on the part of banks and debtor nations and denying that government loan guarantees were a bail-out for banks, Lever said it was wrong to think that banks could finance the growth of developing countries. It was equally wrong to think that developing countries would eventually pay off the bank loans, he added.

South American politicians are unlikely to demand austerity at home just so that banks in wealthy nations can be paid, he said.

Taiwan worried about its electronics industry

TAIPEI (Reuters). — Taiwan has expressed concern to Texas Instruments that doubts over inadequately-tested microcircuits produced here and used in the U.S. defence industry could harm the island's electronics industry.

The U.S. Defence Department said last week that 15 million Texas Instruments microchips made in Taiwan and used in aircraft, radar and submarines had not been adequately tested.

DOUBLE. — Turkey and the Soviet Union have signed a trade agreement designed to double their trade volume next year.

India still World Bank's biggest borrower with \$2.1b.

WASHINGTON (AP). — India maintained its traditional position as the World Bank's biggest borrower in the year that ended June 30, taking \$2.1 billion out of total loans of \$15.5b., the bank's annual report said recently.

But China was creeping up with \$1.0 billion. It was only in 1980 that the Peking government took over this place from Taiwan, and many World Bank loans take years to prepare. China's borrowing is expected to grow.

Because of their low income — an average per citizen of \$260 a year in India and \$310 in China — both countries can get two kinds of loans from the bank. One type pays interest rates that are low but related to the bank's own cost of borrowing, the other is repayable in 50 years at almost no interest.

Aided by a good monsoon, the Indian economy rebounded strongly (during the 12 months) from its somewhat disappointing performance, due to the drought, in the previous year, the report says.

It predicted the rate of growth for the country will be 7 per cent during 1984/85, compared with 5.9 per cent 12 months earlier.

That rate puts India well up among the market economies of the Far East. China, however, reports a 10 per cent gain.

Since Taiwan is no longer among the bank's 147 member governments, the bank makes no loans to it and ignores it in the report.

Indonesia, another major borrower, got \$1.0b. in interest-paying loans from the bank. The country has been hit by the recession and low oil prices. The government now prides for trying to diversify the economy. Production — except for oil — rose by 4 per cent last year.

The bank blames a slowdown of growth in Pakistan to a setback to the cotton and wheat crops. But it was still slightly more than 5 per cent, the report says.

Bangladesh recovered after what the report calls "two very difficult years," with farm production coming back strongly and good prices available for jute and tea. The growth of production was estimated at 4.5 per cent.

"The economy of the Philippines continued to be in severe difficulties during the past year," the report notes.

The report praises South Korea, where production rose by 9 per cent for the year and it predicts another 7 to 8 per cent for the current year.

Thailand's growth rose to about 6 per cent in 1983, but the bank sees trouble ahead and is concerned about Thailand's current account deficit.

In Malaysia the report calls both the budget deficit and the international trade deficit "too high to be sustainable."

Burma's growth was reported continuing strong — at 5.5 to 6 per cent over the past two years. But the bank notes that prices for the country's main exports, notably rice, remain weak.

Russian grain imports to equal 1982 record

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Soviet Union's grain imports this year are expected to equal the record 46 million tons purchased in 1982 and could be even higher because of another bad harvest, the U.S. Agriculture Department said in a recent report.

In August the department estimated the Soviet Union would import 43 million tons in the year that began July 1, 1984.

Since then the Soviet crop has deteriorated further, forcing Moscow to accelerate its overseas buying, particularly from the United States.

The department said the Soviet Union was believed to have already purchased over half the 46m. tons it needs.

As of September 10, it said, the Russians had purchased 8.7m. tons of U.S. corn and wheat. In an attempt to encourage even more purchases, President Reagan has offered to sell them up to 22m. tons of grain in the year beginning October 1, 1984.

Private traders also reported the Russians recently bought 1.1m. tons of French wheat and made an unprecedented purchase of corn from China.

Union approves pay cuts at UPI

NEW YORK (AP). — Union members at United Press International voted to approve cost-cutting measures, including temporary salary cuts of 25 per cent, the wire service guild announced this week.

William Morrissey, guild president, said when the proposal was first announced to the membership last month that the package was "really our only choice" and was needed "to prevent the news service's demise."

The UPI employees who are members of the union voted 454 to 164 for the renegotiated contract. About 79 per cent of those eligible to vote cast ballots. About 800 of UPI's roughly 1,000 editorial employees are members of the guild, and most of the remainder are covered by the agreement.

UPI, second in size to the Associated Press among U.S. news services, has lost money for years. The company says that it lost an average of \$1 million a month from 1980 to 1983, with losses running as high as \$2m. a month for much of 1982.

Luis Nogales, UPI's president and general manager, has said he believed the package would give UPI "at least 16 months of profitability, of positive cash flow," in which time "a news service would look for new investors."

Executives at UPI have already taken salary cuts similar to those proposed for employees.

In addition to the wage cuts, UPI has been cutting the size of its staff, affecting about 200 employees.

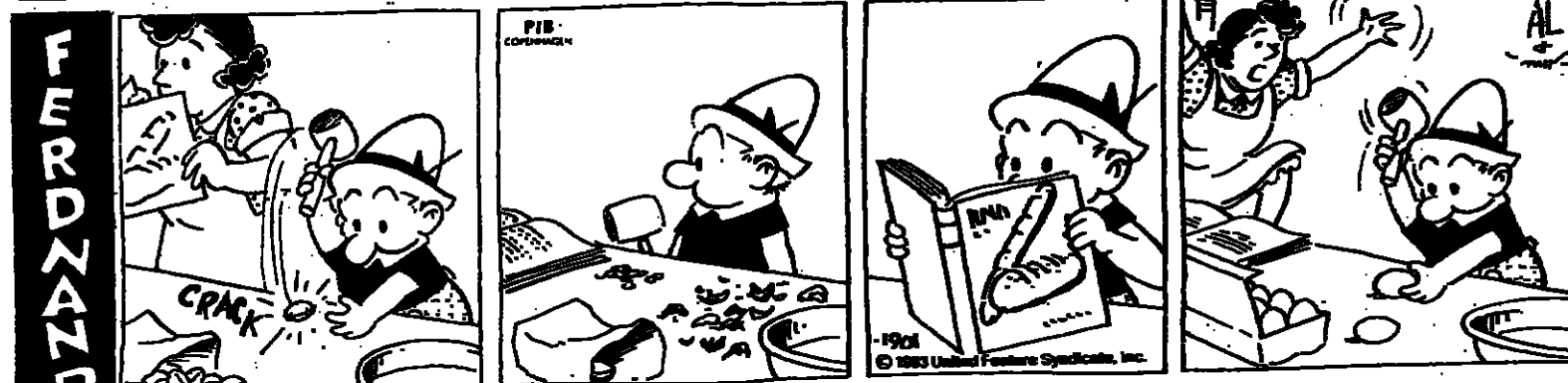
The news service says it serves 800 U.S. daily newspapers, 3,000 radio and television stations, 500 cable television systems and 500 businesses not in the media. It also provides news services to overseas subscribers.

World trade volume up 9 per cent

GENEVA (AP). — World trade volume was up 9 per cent in the first half of 1984 from the same period of last year, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said in a recent report. But the annual report said the lack of trade-related capital investment activity outside the U.S. may explain why the economies of Europe and Japan haven't followed the U.S. in recovering strongly.

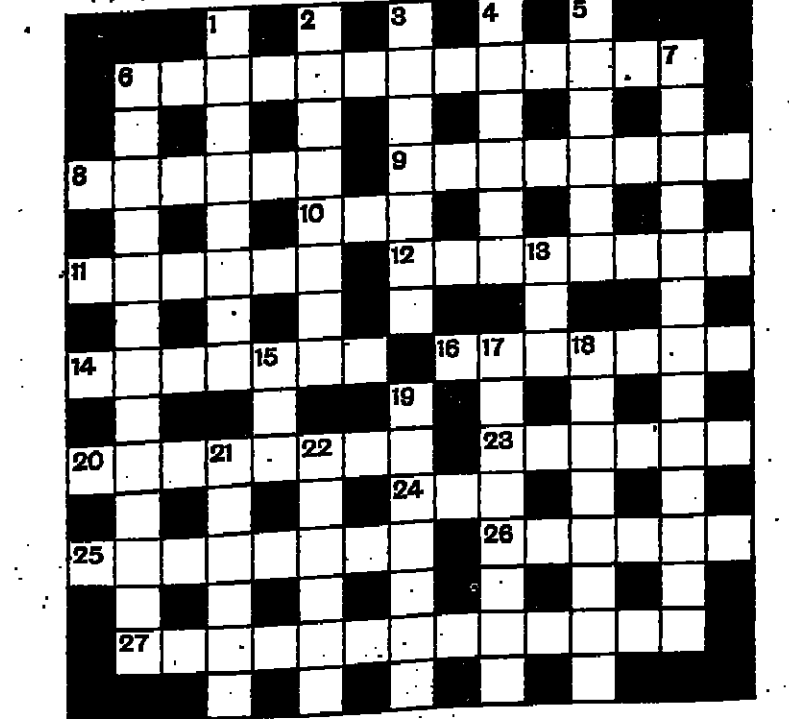
The Geneva-based "organization forecast that the value of world trade for all of 1984 may rise between 5 per cent and 7 per cent from last year's level, and that the volume growth for all of 1984 might be somewhat larger.

The value of world trade last year, in dollar terms, totalled slightly more than \$1.8 trillion, a drop of 2 per cent from the previous year, despite a 2 per cent rise in overall trade volume, GATT said, blaming the decline on the strengthening of the dollar.



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Gush flings the gauntlet

GUSH EMUNIM'S weekend "settlement" exercise in Nablus through the subterfuge of taking over a local hotel under the guise of Japanese tourists, must be seen for what it is: flinging the gauntlet at the new Labour-Likud unity government, and especially in the faces of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The Gush has made it eminently clear that it will not be guided by the compromise between the two main parties in the government calling for the establishment of only six out of a theoretical 27 new settlements approved by the outgoing Likud government in the next year.

To the contrary: there is every reason to believe that the Gush and its oppositionist Tehiya allies will do everything possible to embarrass the Likud participants in the government with the intention of bringing it down as soon as possible.

Although the Gush provocation is aimed primarily at the Likud, in the public eye it is Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin who are being put to the test to see whether or not they react forcefully to the challenge.

The Gush made its first meaningful breakthrough not under Mr. Begin's government in 1977 but in 1974 under the Labour government headed by Yitzhak Rabin in which Shimon Peres served as minister of defence, responsible for the territories.

Prior to the Gush's demonstrative squatting at Sebastia that year, its attempts to set up settlements were given short shrift by the government which sent in the IDF to remove the "settlers" bodily.

At Sebastia, however, Mr. Rabin, acting under the advice of Ariel Sharon—then his special adviser—permitted the squatters to move to an abandoned Jordanian army camp at Kaddum. Defence Minister Peres was then instrumental in turning that beginning into a full-fledged Gush settlement, by pumping in aid from the Ministry of Defence. Both he and Mr. Rabin were similarly involved in the establishment of the first Gush foothold at Ofra.

Their actions went counter to established Labour policy on settlement which hinged on the geographic concepts of the Allon Plan. It was motivated, in part, by their personal rivalry which led them to compete for the favour of their religious partners against each other.

One of the remarkable events of the past six months has been the ability of Peres and Rabin to work in tandem to enable their party to return to power. They are both faced at the present time with a challenge to that new era of personal cooperation. It is a challenge they must meet head on and in full collaboration, lest it grow to proportions that will bring down the government they have laboured so hard to establish.

Preventing partisan settlement in Nablus is easy. All it needs is for the appropriate orders to be given to the IDF, which, caught by surprise last weekend, insisted on giving the "settlers" a military guard.

But it is important to realize that the Gush is no longer the intrepid band of true-believer adventurers they were 10 years ago. They are today the residents of scores of established settlements who are totally dependent on the continuation of governmental largesse for their very existence.

A Gush that is not ready to play by the rules and to respect the sovereign power of a democratically elected government should expect retaliation where it will hurt most—in the viability of their Ofra and Kedumim.

Look before you leap

FINANCE MINISTER Yitzhak Moda'i deserves all the help he can get in taking on the gargantuan task of rescuing the economy from the brink of abyss. But he needs some straight-from-the-shoulder advice in regard to his own weak points.

A case in point is his precipitate decision earlier this week to suspend the updating of income tax brackets which would immediately erode the cost-of-living increment to be paid with September salaries.

Former finance minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad tried to pick a similar fight with the Histadrut in the middle of August and very soon backtracked and committed the Treasury to refrain from such attempts at eroding real wages by subterfuge.

Mr. Moda'i's step constituted a repudiation of that commitment, even while he was approving the belated correction of Mr. Cohen-Orgad's *faux pas*.

What is even worse is that it was made on the eve of his talks with the Histadrut leadership on a package deal that hopefully is to include measures to cut into real wages.

The name of the game here is mutual trust. Mr. Moda'i, as the leader of Israel's quintessential "capitalist free-enterprise" party, the Liberals, does not inspire an excess of confidence on the part of the Histadrut leadership. It is something he will have to work on before real progress can be made on the substantive issues.

The minister of finance should disabuse himself of the belief that it will be possible to execute an urgently needed deflationary policy without the trust and cooperation of the Histadrut. His step was obviously a mistake, which he fortunately corrected yesterday.

But the manner in which it was committed—shooting from the hip—is what is so worrisome.

People familiar with the incoming finance minister spoke and wrote highly of his abilities when his appointment was in the offing. But they also agreed unanimously that he would have to be on guard against his penchant for taking unwisely conceived steps.

Mr. Moda'i is certainly aware of his own weakness. As the man who is going to be in the Treasury hot seat for the coming traumatic period it is clear that he will be subjected to superhuman pressures.

It is essential that he surround himself with a few trusted advisers, whose main task should be the interception and correction of any such *faux pas*, before they are made.

Flawed Soviet system

By MIKHAIL AGURSKY

ISRAELIS, beset by seemingly permanent political crises, might be forgiven for thinking that a political system established on the one-party principle is exempt from political difficulties. In fact, such a notion is illusory.

The Soviet political system, like those of other totalitarian countries, is in a state of acute political crisis. Indeed, there are many signs of a new wave of political instability in the Soviet Union. And the problem of President Konstantin Chernenko's health is only one symptom of this instability.

There is, indeed, something wrong with the Soviet political system as a whole. What happens inside it? What kind of forces are at work there?

It would be an oversimplification to regard the entire political issue in the Soviet Union as a personal struggle within the leadership. Of course, it is personal, but Soviet political personalities have never acted alone. Rather, they act within the framework of political coalitions.

Theoretically, the Soviet political system is free from the party struggle, since not only are parties other than the Communist Party strictly forbidden in the Soviet Union, but even factions within the ruling party are forbidden.

Factionalism there is a mortal sin. Theoretically, a person may act only as an individual expressing an opinion on this or that issue.

But in fact, the Soviet political system is deeply split on coalitions whose boundaries are clearly defined, and it is difficult for an individual to change sides in the tug-of-war political struggle.

Indeed, the Soviet ban on internal political struggles within the party or within a faction had the effect of simply moving the natural struggle for power to a different level. Not even the Soviet Union could change human nature.

THE HEART of power in the Soviet political machine exists in the system of political nominations, which is concentrated in central party apparatus. All nominations of national importance—party, governmental, military, diplomatic, cultural—are

the prerogative of the central party apparatus.

Nominations on republican, provincial or regional level are made by the relevant republican, provincial or regional party committees which results in a multi-level hierarchical system of nominations strictly directed by the central party apparatus.

CONTRARY to popular belief, a Soviet minister is not able to appoint his direct subordinates. It is up to an appropriate department of the central party committee to consider his recommendations, but it need not accept them. The minister of defence, for example, cannot make senior appointments on his own: it is a matter for the central party.

Moreover, to balance the influence of a particular senior official, the official's deputy must be his opponent. It is a system of checks and balances.

Then, most important, nominations for national posts are made by the party secretariat, which is the *sacra sanctorum* of the Soviet political system. The secretariat does not make political decisions; it deals only with organizational problems. Every party secretary, who is not necessarily a Politburo member, is responsible for a large number of nominations—in such fields as agriculture, heavy industry, ideology, the army. According to some evidence, the more important nominations require the approval of five such secretaries.

This system is essentially aimed at creating various coalitions.

It emerged when these coalitions were already in existence, so a ruling coalition sought to use the system to frustrate the political ambitions of another coalition.

In fact, a skilled politician who acts within the framework of a coalition can use every opportunity to create his own political power-base by nominating those who are loyal to him to senior posts. Any politician who seeks to forge a political career on his own is completely helpless in such a system.

The secretary-general, who supervises the system of nominations, is not at all powerful. He is naturally limited. Nobody can know well more

than several hundred people, and even such knowledge must be very superficial. Essentially, the Soviet leader is completely dependent on his direct subordinates when it comes to the nomination of individuals for important posts.

It is extremely dangerous for him to rely only on one person as this person can easily outmaneuver his boss, as Stalin did to Lenin, thereby establishing his own power-base.

Having learned this lesson, Stalin himself divided the task between two or three people, deliberately encouraging the struggle between them in order to consolidate his own position. He also created the complicated system in order not to give an individual subordinate a free hand in the political field.

It was the start of a long and sinister chapter in the Soviet power struggle.

This system provided stability and was limited, naturally, only by Stalin's age. But it began to deteriorate immediately after his death, when the coalition created by Stalin himself started contesting for power. At the start, it too, was a zero-sum game, and Stalin's secret police chief, Beria, was an early victim.

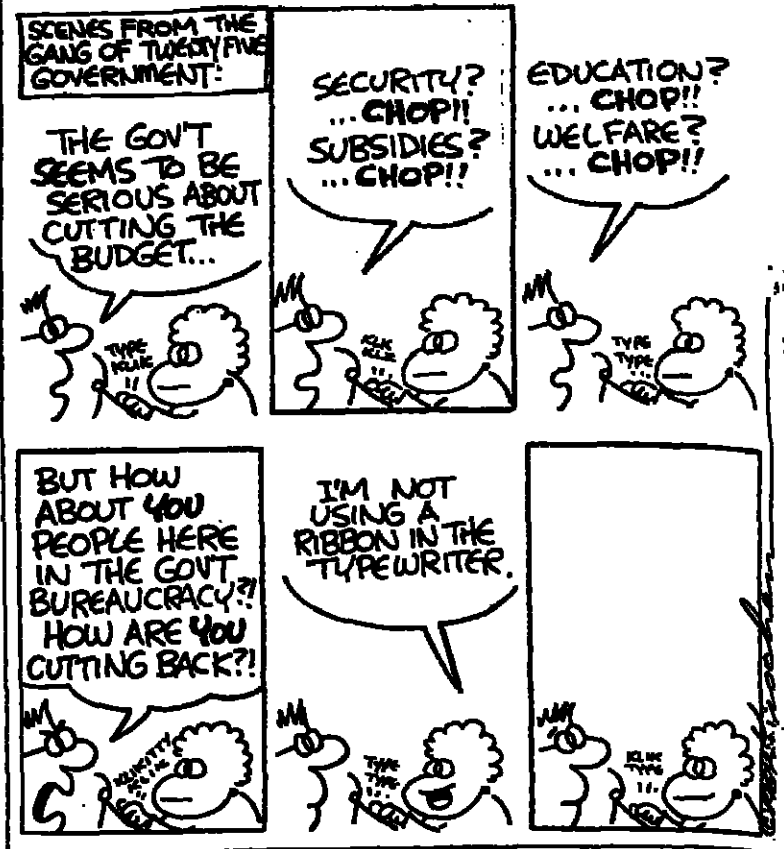
Khrushchev tried to play by Stalin's rules, but he was unsuccessful. He was unable to destroy his opponents and soon became a victim himself.

Since then, the zero-sum game was abandoned because it became unfeasible. The coalition struggle became struggles for position. Each side could accrue benefits and could lose skirmishes. But they could not be exterminated from the political map.

This is the situation today, and essentially it is an equivalent of the multi-party system. But there is one very important difference: It is not regulated by law, and there is no legal procedure for controlling it as there is in the Western parliamentary system.

In the Soviet Union, one can observe the rudimentary elements of the Western parliamentary system: coalition agreements, minority rule, proportional representation in vital political bodies, and so on. But all this is extremely unstable and is

Dry Bones



subordinated to the momentous constellation of forces at a particular time.

IN FACT, Khrushchev managed to bring from the Ukraine where he worked a very powerful political coalition (nationally not Ukrainian) which dominated the Soviet political scene from 1955 and maintained its domination, though in a more limited form, after Khrushchev's departure since Brezhnev's group was drawn, in part, from Khrushchev's coalition.

Eventually, all political forces which had their origin in the Russian republic united against this Ukrainian political coalition. The accession to power of Yuri Andropov marked a temporary victory, but after his death the Ukrainian coalition, led by Konstantin Chernenko, returned to power.

Now the Ukrainian political coalition is in a decline and will almost certainly be substituted once again by the coalition from the Russian republic. But the Russians are also divided into several factions and have various political origins. The recent rehabilitation of Molo-

tov is a clear indication of the success of the faction which questions the legitimacy of the famous decision, adopted by the Khrushchev coalition in June 1957, which declared the Malenkov-Molotov-Kaganovich clique an anti-party group.

The power struggles are reminiscent of those between various monarchical dynasties whose roots may go deep into centuries. Whatever new turns the Soviet political struggle might take, its basic shortcomings will not be rectified. The only solution might be a violent one, and even then it will probably only be temporary as the same struggle would emerge again between new players.

The situation is now very much more complicated than it was in the past as various Communist rulers in Europe and Asia have been distributed as equal partners between the various Soviet coalitions and play important roles in the Soviet political struggle. The Soviet political system is crumbling.

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Unity—British style

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

more timely for Israelis who view the dramatic twists and turns which have led to the formation of the present government.

Of course, the English way of political scheming is much subtler than the Israeli version. For instance, it is (or was 70 years ago) carried out far from the public eye, the press meddling mostly through their editorial commentators rather

than reporting approximate details of behind-the-scenes meetings. It also took the British much less time to produce a change than the endless weeks of political tear which have embittered the Israeli public. But essentially, the political game is the same all over the democratic world.

AT THE END of March, 1915, the *Daily Chronicle* revealed that an

intrigue was being formed against Prime Minister Asquith. Postmaster-General Hobbhouse said that Winston Churchill was behind it. Lord Balfour and Lloyd George were with Churchill, plotting to dislodge Asquith, as well as Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign Office; but Lord Kitchener, though approached, refused to be involved in the conspiracy.

It was Churchill who suggested a coalition with the Conservatives, to stop them from "brooding morosely outside." But, apparently, his desire for a coalition cooled quickly "after one taste of a war council at which Lansdowne and Bonar Law were present."

It was Asquith who brought about the coalition, and it was exactly one week after he himself informed the Parliament that a coalition was "not in contemplation," and only a few weeks after Bonar Law and Lansdowne had notified Asquith that they could not even come to the war council because such a gesture of cooperation with the government would loosen their grip on the Conservative party.

SO MANY and such divergent issues were involved in the change of government in Westminster at that time that the intricacies of the

Labour-Herut grasp for power today seem crude and simple.

An embattled Britain was having difficulties in recruiting volunteers for its army. Even more dangerous was the failure of the munition factories to produce enough bullets and shells for the front. And streamlining the production depended on extracting the responsibility for munitions manufacture from Lord Kitchener, who refused to introduce changes, or even devise measures to reduce alcoholism among munition factory workers (finally, Lloyd George took over the munitions). And, when considering a post for Bonar Law, the Liberal prime minister had to balance matters so that the Conservative leader would not become too influential.

IT IS TRUE that the general public in 1915 Britain was less aware of most of the details of its leaders' squabbles than is the average Israeli, with his passion for hourly news bulletins and the media's indulgence in gory political intrigue. That much of the foul play alleged by the media may have been false, as demonstrated by the historian, is immaterial, for media reports are part of the political game.

The intelligent reader should be able to adopt the historian's Olympian equanimity in judging current affairs. Admittedly, the task is difficult, for a man is the prisoner of his times. It is essential to try to keep everything in its right proportion, in order to survive the mental stress of Israeli politics.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

ETHIOPIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We welcome Louis Rapoport's in-depth survey of the aliyah and absorption of the Ethiopian Jews. His article is far-ranging and his analysis of the absorption problems clearly favours preserving their culture while integrating the Ethiopian Jews into modern Israel.

We have been involved with the Ethiopian Jews for many years. We have visited Ethiopia and have worked closely with several of the people mentioned in the article. We find that much of what Mr. Rapoport says about the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and its leaders, is unfounded and borders on character assassination. To set the record straight:

Dr. Graetum Berger is not "a retired fund-raiser." Dr. Berger is a well-known expert in Jewish communal service, author of several books, and recently retired from the Jewish Federation of New York. He has devoted over 20 years to saving Ethiopian Jews.

Dr. Howard Lenoff, past president of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and a professor at the University of California, and Nate Shapiro, a leader in the Chicago

go Jewish community, do not deserve to be addressed as "Berger's fellow altruists." The inference is snide and should not be used with such dedicated individuals.

The author's references to Murray Greenfield were singularly one-sided. After working with him for four years in Israel, I know the time and energy he devotes to the cause and the gratitude for his efforts felt by many Ethiopian Jews. Murray Greenfield should be applauded for his work—not lambasted.

In fairness, we must say that Rapoport does paint an accurate picture of the reversal of the Jewish Agency's policy. For all their change of heart and actions, they still have a long way to go!

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American Association for
Ethiopian Jews
Jerusalem.

Louis Rapoport comments:
It is a total misreading to say that "fellow altruists" was a snide remark. I meant exactly what I wrote, and said several times in the article that Berger has done a tremendous amount for the Ethiopian Jews.

EXPERTS NEEDED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am familiar with the argument that a good administrator can administer anything, but I still cannot reconcile myself to Motta Gur as Minister of Health, or Moshe Shalal as Minister of Energy. Both these posts should be filled by individuals with expertise in their fields.

While the U.S. system is far from perfect, a president does not necessarily fill every cabinet post with party leaders, but often looks for men with particular expertise who also are members of the party.

BOTTLED WATER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have tried in vain to purchase domestically bottled drinking water at the Super-Sol. All I found were products imported from Belgium or Cyprus.

I believe it is unfair to spend hard currency on these imports when this product is available domestically. Moreover, the imports are much higher in sodium content than the domestic brands, which is not good for people with hypertension. Can this problem be brought to the attention of the proper author-

ities, as it is a wasteful expense of dollars, especially during this difficult economic period.

MARTIN SEGAL
Jerusalem (Brooklyn).

Martha Meisels, our Consumer Affairs reporter, comments:
Super-Sol informs me that, at the time, it lacked a suitable local supplier of bottled mineral water. This has been corrected and Super-Sol will soon be carrying a brand called "Mami," which is mineral water from Katzrin in the Golan.

THE LIBERATION OF HOLLAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was astonished to read in your issue of September 16, on the eve of the departure of President Herzog for Holland, that he was going there to attend the ceremonies marking "the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Holland and of the Battle of Nijmegen."

These ceremonies mark the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the town of Nijmegen, but not the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the whole of the Netherlands. It was to take another seven and a half months before the northern part of the Netherlands was to be liberated. The actual surrender of the German forces took place only on May 5, 1945.

Moreover, the winter of 1944/45 was the worst period of the German occupation of the Netherlands, also because of the extreme cold during the winter months and the lack of fuel and food.

I was even more astonished when, listening to the 7 a.m. news in English on Kol Yisrael, I heard the announcer say that this was the 40th anniversary of the big victory of the Allies over the Germans in the Battle of Arnhem. In fact, the Battle of Arnhem was not an Allied victory but a tragic Allied defeat, in particular of the lives of the young British paratroopers and other soldiers.

HENRIETTE BOAS
Jerusalem (Amsterdam).

TRAGIC CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a retired social worker, I was both dismayed and puzzled by your report of September 9 on the suicide of Haim Peretz because of lack of food and shelter. Providing these basic needs of human beings is one of the first priorities of society.

The tragedy of Haim Peretz may point to some weaknesses either in the social services or in the programmes themselves. I hope that a thorough investigation of this case will be carried out and that steps will be taken to correct the problems detected so that no other person will again be driven to despair and suicide because society failed to provide for his basic needs.

LESLIE F. STASNY
Kiryat Motzkin.

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